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NOT FATAL FAILURES OF THE KUOMINTANG NANKING'S AUTHORITY

Significance of Canton and Wu-Han Proposals
WILL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT BE OBEYED?

[By Our Political Correspondent]

Obvious deductions from two Nanking cables are that, in one way or another, the old dispute for income, revenue or "squeeze" call it what you will—has begun all over again in China, with the provinces competing against the national capital.

Going a little beneath the surface, however, I find some satisfaction in Nanking's refusal to consent to supervision by Wu-Han in the matter of getting money in, and also in the polite reminder to Canton to pass over control of the railways.

Whereas the local man with power did as he liked in the old days, retaining whatever he desired, he does not do so now. He submits a minute to an accepted higher authority. He goes about things in more businesslike manner. It remains to be seen if he will abide by the ruling given out.

WARNING BY PROFESSOR

Both Wu-Han and Canton are, nominally, under the domination of the Kwangsi military party, of which Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton is one of the leaders.

Ever and anon, wisecracks have predicted an impending clash between the Kwangsi-lites and the National Government at Nanking. That clash has still to become a fact.

The Wu-Han branch of the Central Political Council, undoubtedly guided to a large extent by the counsels of the Kwangsi party, has proposed that machinery be set up to supervise the collection of national revenues within its sphere, i.e., in the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh. Nanking said "no," on the ground that such a measure would interfere with the unification of financial administration—an ideal to which Mr. T. V. Soong (Finance Minister) attaches great importance.

Expected to Obey
Then, again, General Chen Min-chu (Chan Ming-shu), who was appointed by Nanking to be chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, has sent a motion to the capital attempting to counter the order to transfer control of the three metropolitan railways to the Ministry of Railways.

To all intents and purposes, General Chen is a subordinate of Marshal Li Chai-sum and, therefore, of the Kwangsi party. General Chen, however, is Cantonese. He is *persona grata* with the leaders in Nanking. I take it, therefore, that his motion was made not entirely on his own initiative, but on the advice of some of his Kwangsi and other colleagues in Canton.

And for all that the alarmists can say, I expect General Chen to obey Nanking's ruling in spirit and letter—and to hand over control of the railways.

What a Professor Says
So much, then, for centralisation, another upholder of which is Mr. Sun Fo, now the Minister of Railways. Is unqualified centralisation desirable though? I quote Professor E. S. Corwin, who succeeded the late Dr. Woodrow Wilson (President of the U.S.A. during the War) as Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University. Professor Corwin addressed the American Association, Peking, on the new organic law of China.

There are several things conspicuous by their omission, he declared. One is the definite decision whether the Government should be centralised or localised, telling the relations between the two. There is a danger of imperialism in the assumption of too much central power, he added.

What Will China Do?
What was most interesting to Prof. Corwin was that the organic law "arrested a revolution in mid-career and gave it a direction." It is extremely difficult to check a revolution and still keep it going, and that is what China is trying to do, following the footsteps of the United States in its revolution, and what Bismarck did in Germany. Bismarck, however, nearly killed the revolution. France failed in her attempt at this in 1879 and Russia failed in 1917. What will China do? Prof. Corwin compared the Government to a pyramid resting on its apex, with the two sides supported by props called generals and military. "The problem," he thought, was to widen the base of

TWO DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN LONDON

"PEA-SOUP FOG"

"SEVERE FROST" PREDICTED TO BE GOING

SNOWSTORM IN YORKSHIRE

London, Yesterday.
Intense cold continues throughout Britain, the frost in the early hours in many places being the severest since 1895.

People skated long past midnight near London. Two degrees below zero were recorded at Hampstead (London), and four below zero at Ross-on-Wye (Herefordshire).

The worst snowstorm for years occurred in North East Yorkshire. Skating is in full swing for the first time for 30 years on the river Nene at Northampton.

Discomfort for Central Londoners occurred later in the morning by an increased "choking, blinding, pea-soup fog."

Ice-breakers are very busy on the Upper Thames breaking up ice to prevent dangerous icefloes when the thaw sets in.—Reuter.

Weather Forecast
An official weather forecast hints that the severe frost is going. It says:

"Frost will continue but the temperature will tend to rise slowly."

A general thaw is not, however, expected before next week and snow is predicted meanwhile.

Ice is claiming more and more of the river Thames. Already

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FIRST MAGISTRATE

MR. E. W. HAMILTON SUCCEEDS MR. LINDELL

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who, on returning from leave last year, has been Police Magistrate at Kowloon, crosses the harbour to the Central Police Court to act as First Magistrate and Coroner.

Mr. R. E. Lindell, who has acted as First Magistrate for some time, is going home on leave to-day by the P. and O. "Kashgar" and will, it is understood, sit for his final Bar examination.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, one of the Assistant Crown Solicitors, has been appointed to fill the vacancy at Kowloon. This is a post usually set down for Cadet Officers.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., who has also been an Assistant Crown Solicitor and is the first holder of the post of Treasury Solicitor, and who was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court when Mr. H. A. Nisbet, the Registrar, retired last year, has ceased to act as Deputy Registrar, says the "Gazette."

Paris, Yesterday.—Three specialists have pronounced ex-Senator Klotz sane and responsible for his actions.—Reuter.

[Ex-Senator Klotz was recently stated to be involved in certain alleged criminal actions.]

\$1,000 TO MINERS

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S GENEROSITY

HIS GIFT TO RELIEF FUND

A British Wireless message from London, of yesterday's date, states: Sir Robert Ho Tung, "one of the merchant princes of Hong Kong,



Sir Robert Ho Tung

has given \$1,000 to the Miners' Relief Funds. He was led to make this donation by the appeal of the Prince of Wales. Sir Robert, who was knighted by King Edward VII for his services in Hong Kong, is known as the "Prince of Commodores," which is a name given to Chinese officials who act as a link between the British merchant and the people of the country. He was formerly chief commodore to the Hong Kong Wembley Exhibitions.

MONSOON MODERATING

"N.E. winds, fresh; fair" is the forecast until noon tomorrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 10.15 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—The anticyclone is central to the south of Korea. The monsoon will moderate along the S.E. coast of China and remain fresh over the North China Sea.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 18/16.

THE KING PUTTING ON WEIGHT

RESUMES SMOKING

CONTINUING TO MAKE SLOW
PROGRESS AT BOGNOR

VISITED BY THE PRINCE

London, Yesterday.
The Prince of Wales spent six hours with the King to-day at Craigwell House, Bognor. His Royal Highness afterwards returned to London.

Doctors Hewitt and Woods were at Craigwell this afternoon and applied the luminous ray treatment to the King. They and Lord Dawson travelled back to London with the Prince in his special saloon.

There was bright sunshine at Bognor early to-day but, later, snow fell. The windows of the King's bedroom, which were opened for some time yesterday, had to be kept closed to-day.

An interesting statement was made by the private secretary to the Duke of York, at a luncheon in London. He said the King has begun to smoke again and is also able to cut up his own food.

Latest Bulletin

A bulletin, issued from Craigwell House this evening, states that "despite the inclement weather the King continues to make slow progress, and since his departure from London, has increased in weight."

It is understood that the King was able to sit up to-day and converse with the Prince of Wales.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. RAILWAYS

GIGANTIC MERGER NOW APPROVED

A BIG POOL

Washington, Yesterday.
The Inter-State Commerce Commission has approved of the scheme promoted by the American Railways to consolidate the entire railways goods and carrying business of the country in the hands of a single company, to be known as the Railway Express Agency Incorporated.

The profits therefrom will be divided among the railways in proportion to the business they contribute.—Reuter's American Service.

MOTOR-CARS

700 OF BRITISH MAKE IN BIG FIRE

AT BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.
Seven hundred British motor cars, which had just been imported from England were destroyed by fire at a warehouse in the docks this morning.

The damage is estimated at millions of pesos. The cause of the fire is unknown.—Reuter's American Service.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse

Any fears of dearer cigarettes as a consequence of the revised tobacco duties may end in smoke.

Local manufacturers, however, are inclined to call her Lady Nick-o'-Mine.

But, then, the "duties" of the revenue authorities are not always very pleasing ones.

Kowloon hubby: "Have you made up your mind to stay in, dearie?"
Wife: "No, darling, I've made up my face to go out."

The Stork was let loose—by mistake—the other day amongst some bachelor school masters in Conduit Road.

The "dominies" have a strong suspicion that its visit was meant for their next-door neighbours.

Of course they will say anything to draw a "heron" across the trail.

The "Freeman" family were much in evidence at the Interport football match on Monday.

One chap who "went over the top" was overheard to protest against so many dipping in free!

One of the loudest barrackers for the visitors was one of the boys who "went over the top." That was, after Hong Kong were three goals to the good.

The "Shanghai" Interport "accidents" will take back with them a nasty cash.

News from Rome during the week by cable has been pretty much of a frost.

The motor buses did a tooting trade during the Chinese New Year holidays.

On Chinese New Year's Eve the flower vendors were giving bonnets away—in return for good silver.

An impecunious flapper on the ferry was overheard to express the opinion that the Minors Fund was quite a good idea!

Having escaped the 13th without any undue mishap we can buy a Race sweep ticket with a feeling of "good joss" in our veins.

Kiddle of four, after seeing the same bears in "Revenge" at the Queen's Theatre: "Let's go and see the real tigers."

A talking competition on the lines of that recently held in America would prove a great draw at the next Ladies' Night at the Y.M.C.A.

The parsons would like to know who put the "I" in Fanling, where the Steeplechase Races take place to-morrow.

And yet the annual report of the Y.M.C.A. is silent with regard to its members playing cricket matches on Sundays.

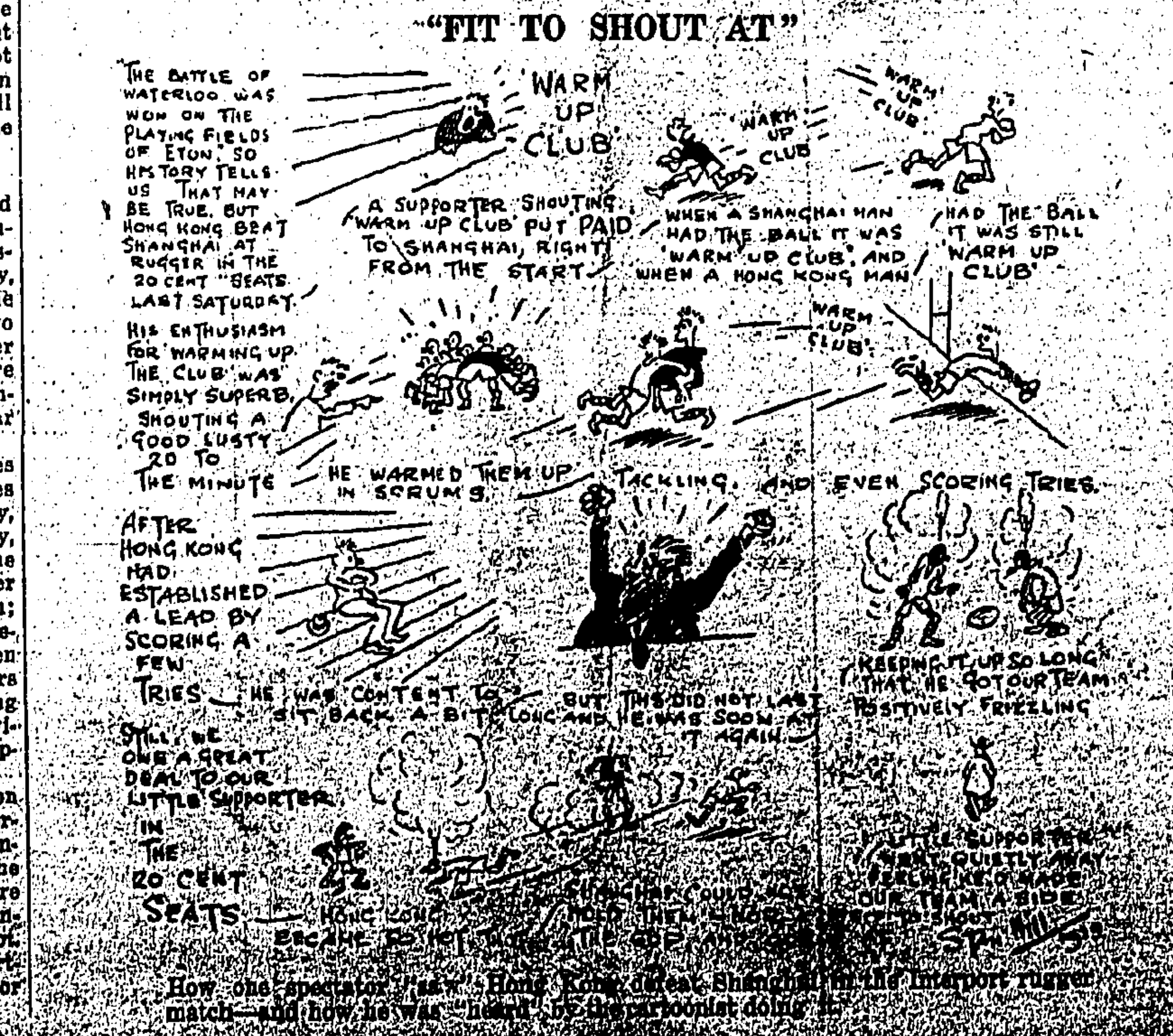
The young "uns at the Naval Dockyard are looking around for a professional tennis instructor.

Perhaps the old hands had more experience of "love all" seeing that they won so easily on Tuesday.

A gent. in uniform and brass buttons on the ferry the other night was asked by an enquiring juvenile admirer whether he was a policeman or an officer?

When one of the Queen's Regiment asked the same youngster on the bus whether he would like to be a soldier, the latter promptly responded: "No! I'm an officer."

The traffic "cop" who officiated at the fifty cents entrance at the Interport "social" match on Monday is not likely to get the V.C.—He was very far indeed from being Very Odd with hundreds of "head-benders" trying to break in.



Up to completion of the Morning Exercises with the two pieces man gaseous cart at 10.30 last Sunday, the Mayor dumped the soap box in the Market Place, and preached from the cart. The poor, you have always with you, but it is on the cart, that it is able to be used in the Market Place for the morning exercises.

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Issued and Fully Paid-up \$20,000,000
Reserve Funds \$2,000,000
Selling \$11,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$23,000,000

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Hong Kong, 7th January, 1929.

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Banking business of every description transacted.

O. STERNSTRA, Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th August, 1928.

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HEAD OFFICE:

96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.

Paid-up Capital Frs. 65,400,000.

Reserve Funds Frs. 102,000,000.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to let.

A. LEGOT, Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th Nov. 1928.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Capital (fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000.

Reserve fund Yen 102,500,000.

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. KORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1928.

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BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISEpour le
Commerce et l'Industrie
(Incorporated in France).Princes Building, Charter Road,
Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:

74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital fully paid up Frs. 50,000,000.

Special working capital Frs. 50,000,000.

Reserves Frs. 22,319,000.

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L. BERNIS, Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd August, 1928.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £2,000,000.

Reserve Fund £4,000,000.

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000.

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

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K. NAGURA, Manager.

HONG KONG BRANCH:—

3, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hong Kong, 19th January, 1929.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially Authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

Authorized Capital \$30,000,000.00.

Paid-up Capital 18,278,000.00.

Reserve Fund 9,629,425.24.

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

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H. KORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1928.

COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

SHANGHAI SHARES

GOOD DEMAND FOR RUBBER

INDUSTRIALS STEADY

Reviewing the Shanghai Share Market for the week ending February 9, Messrs. A. W. Reynolds & Co. write as follows:

Rubber

The price of new rubber remained practically unchanged throughout the week, closing a fraction lower than last week. London stocks increased 966 tons and now stand at 23,389 tons. The forecast for the current week is that stocks will remain unchanged.

London 11 10%

New York 22% 21%

Singapore 37 37%

We are glad to report that the recent all round rise in the price of rubber shares has been maintained, and consequent on the considerable demand emanating from both professional quarters and from the general public. Shares are still difficult to obtain in spite of the advance and it is possible that they may still attain higher levels though one must always be prepared for a selling movement from those with bearish views. The past week has been noticeable for the very numerous transactions recorded.

Industrials and Shipping

Cottons. The declaration of a 60 cents dividend on Ewos Ordinary had the effect of slightly strengthening the market which had previously been on the weak side due to persistent selling. Shanghai Cottons took a sudden upturn in the middle of the week and advanced from Tls. 70 to Tls. 70 March advancing from Tls. 65 to Tls. 70 March on rumours of the settlement of the Tsinan incident. Zong Sing remained unchanged at Tls. 8.70 cash.

In spite of the Chinese New Year holidays the tone of all Industrials was very steady without any special feature to report.

Greyhounds

Dealings under this heading were a feature and all shares advanced sharply.

G.R.A. from 14.50 to 16.25

Ordinary 63.00 to 70.00

Founders 14.25 to 14.40

Champ de Courses 208.00 to 235.00

The market closes steady at the higher prices.

Debentures and Bonds

A slight improvement is noticeable in S.M.C. 6 per cent, but other issues unchanged. Industrial Debentures continue to demand attention at current quotations.

The advance in Chinese Government Railway Bonds noted last week continued and Lung Hai improved to \$42.100 business done, closing a shade lower at \$41.

KELLY & WALSH

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An extraordinary general meeting of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., was held on Feb. 7 at the company's offices, 12, Nanking-road, Shanghai, Mr. R. W. Wedderburn being in the chair, supported by Messrs. A. W. Burkill, A. E. Glover and A. J. Wall (directors) and Mr. J. de Jesus, secretary. The number of shares represented was 27,865.

The only business of the meeting was to pass two special resolutions, which follow:—

That the capital of the company be increased to \$750,000 by the creation of 41,250 new shares of \$10 each.—Proposed by Mr. Wedderburn, seconded by Mr. Burkill.—Carried unanimously.

That it is desirable to capitalize a sum of \$112,500 out of part of the undivided profits of the company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a special capital bonus of \$112,500 be declared, and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on January 3, 1929, were holders of the 43,750 shares of the company in payment in full for 11,250 shares of the company of \$10 each, and that such 11,250 shares be credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one of such 33,750 of the said shares then held by such persons respectively; and that the shares so distributed shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the company held by each such shareholder and not as income.

Proposed by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Wall.—Carried unanimously.

AMERICAN COTTON

Messrs. Anderson, Clayton & Co., Shanghai, quoted the following prices for American cotton of February 9 shipment:

Tls. per lb. c.i.f. wharf

Strict Middling 21.85

Middling 21.65

Strict Low Middling 21.40

Low Middling 19.75

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:—

15, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 4.

Authorized Capital £20,000,000.

Subscribed Capital £10,000,000.

Paid-up Capital £10,000,000.

Reserve Fund and Profit £1,834,846.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

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G. L. G. SANDERS, Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th February, 1929.

LOCAL SHARES

MESSRS. MOXON AND TAYLOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, in their weekly share circular, under date of yesterday, state: Owing to the recent holidays, during which our exchange was closed for three days, the amount of business transacted was on a very limited scale and there is but little change in prices to report since last week.

Our market re-opened, yesterday, and as we go to press there are signs of more activity with buyers prevailing for most of the Industrials.

Shanghai market is quiet.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:

Banks.—Maintained their steady rate of \$1.345 at which price some business was again transacted.

Unions.—Are in demand at \$373 but there are no shares obtainable except at an advance on this.

Other Insurances.—Are quiet with few, if any, sellers.

Hong Kong Hotels.—Continued steady and a small transaction was noted at \$94 while \$9.30 is now being offered for further business.

Hong Kong Trams.—Are also steady with buyers at \$20.60 but more buyers would probably have to be paid to bring out sellers.

Hong Kong Lands.—Are quiet. Humphreys' Estates.—Continue to be required for at \$14 ex the div. of \$1.

Douglases.—Have buyers but no sellers at \$30.

Star Ferries.—Were a trifle easier with some business noted at \$70 at which price there are further buyers.

Steamboats.—Were dealt in at \$274 but close a little firmer with buyers more active.

China Lights.—Steadied and changed from a selling to a buying rate of \$124.

China Providents.—Were taken off the market at \$5.

Electricity.—Were steady with business done at \$54 old and \$52 new.

Cements.—Eased off a little and the combined shares changed hands at \$9.80, they are still meeting with some demand but at the rather lower price of \$9.65.

Realities.—Are still wanted at \$8.60.

Telephones.—Are unchanged.

Dairy Farms.—Are being held for rather more from a selling price offered of \$21.60.

Wharves.—Have firmed up to some extent and \$182 1/2 is now obtainable.

Bengals.—Are firmer with buyers but no sellers at \$24.

Watsons.—Now have buyers at \$19 1/2.

London Quotations of the 14th inst.:—Banks \$145; Indos. Deferred \$8.10/-; Shells \$4.15/- all middle prices.

Exchange.—The demand selling rate on London is 1/11-1/12 and the T/T on Shanghai is Tls. 78 1/4.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Feb. 1, June, June, 1929. 1918. 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Sirloin 牛尾把 lb. 25 24 12

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the Shareholders
in this Corporation will be held
at City Hall, Hong Kong, on
SATURDAY, the 23rd February,
1929, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1928.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from Monday, the 11th February
to SATURDAY, the 23rd February,
1929, (both days inclusive), during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1929.

**THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING of the Share-
holders of the Hong Kong &
Shanghai Banking Corporation
will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd day
of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock
noon at the City Hall, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hong Kong, the fol-
lowing resolution was passed, viz:—

That the Directors of the
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation be and they are
hereby requested and authorised
by and on behalf of the share-
holders of the Corporation to take
all such steps as may be
necessary for the introduction of
an Ordinance into the Legisla-
tive Council of the Colony of
Hong Kong and for the enact-
ment of the same by the Gov-
ernor of Hong Kong with the
advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council thereof, in the
terms of a print which, for the
purposes of identification, has
been signed by the Chief Man-
ager of the Corporation, in sub-
stitution for the existing Ordin-
ances (except as in such print
is mentioned) and Deed of Settle-
ment of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that a further extra-
ordinary meeting of the share-
holders of the Corporation will be held
on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of
February, 1929, at 12.45 in the
afternoon at the same place for
the purpose of receiving a report
of the above mentioned meeting
and of considering, and, if thought
fit, confirming the above resolution
in accordance with Article 95 of
the Corporation's Deed of Settle-
ment.

Dated this 8th day of February,
1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed
New Ordinance can be seen
during the usual banking
hours (Sundays, Public and
Bank Holidays excepted) in
Hong Kong at the Head
Office of the Corporation or at
the offices of Messrs.
Johnson Stokes & Master,
Princes Buildings, Solic-
itors to the said Corporation,
and in Shanghai at the
Office of the Corporation,
from the date hereof until
the date of the above men-
tioned confirmatory meeting.

**THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTY-THIRD
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of the SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Com-
pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Al-
bert Road, on THURSDAY, 28th
FEBRUARY, 1929, at NOON, for
the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with
Statement of Accounts, declaring a
Dividend and re-electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
the 21st to the 28th February, 1929,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th Feb., 1929.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the TENTH ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Chinese Mer-
chants' Club, 6th floor, China
Building, Queen's Road Central,
at 3.00 p.m. SATURDAY, the 16th
February, 1929, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, 9th February to
SATURDAY, 16th February, 1929,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
KAN TONG-PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

**HONG KONG TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY YEARLY MEETING of Hong
Kong Telephone Company, Limited,
will be held on FRIDAY, the 22nd
day of February, 1929, at the
Board Room of the Company,
Second Floor, Exchange Building,
Hong Kong, at 12 o'clock noon,
for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Board of Directors,
for the financial year ended 31st
December, 1928, and re-electing
two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
the 16th February to the 22nd
February, 1929, both days inclu-
sive.
Dated this 30th day of January,
1929.

By Order of the Board,
T. A. BARRY,
Acting Secretary.

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING, 1929.**

25th, 26th, 27th February &
2nd March, 1929.

THE FIRST RACE on each day

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The first bell will be rung at 11.30
a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES

Members' Badges of Admission
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already received them, from
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Members are reminded that
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Members have the privilege of
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\$30- for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for
Ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$4- per day. Each mem-
ber can obtain upon application to
the Secretary, badges for the ad-
mission of two Ladies free of
charge.

On no pretext will children be
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Tickets of Admission to the
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tribute them with discrimination
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Servants are not permitted in
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ers' stands.

Any persons found loitering
about with Servants' Passes in
their possession will forfeit the
same and will be removed from
the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1929.

NOTICES.**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE**

THE COLLEGE will RE-OPEN
at 9 a.m. on MONDAY, Febru-
ary 25. There will be an Entrance
Examination for New Boys (Board-
ers and Day-boys) at 9.30 a.m. on
SATURDAY, February 23, at
Prospect Place, Bonham Road.
Hong Kong, Feb. 16, 1929.

Y.M.C.A. LADY HELPERS.

ATTENTION is drawn to the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-
ING of the above, to be held in
the Naval & Military Y.M.C.A.,
City Hall, on TUESDAY, February
19th, at 11 a.m.

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1929.

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Mr. Murphy then put in a genuine
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with a blank scrip form, and the
witness said that the forged scrip
was a good imitation right down
to the signatures "for ordinary

"SHARE SENSATION"**TRAMWAYS SECRETARY'S
EVIDENCE****ALLEGED FORGED SCRIP**

Evidence alleging that the share
scrip bearing the subject of the
charge was a forgery, was given
before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at
the Central Magistracy yesterday
afternoon by Mr. W. F. Simmons,
Secretary of the Hong Kong Tram-
ways, Ltd., at the resumed hearing
of the "Share Sensation" case.

The accused were Chan
Fook, alias Chan Sau-nam, and
Poon Pui, alias Poon
Wal-nam, charged with the
possession and uttering of a forged
share scrip purported to be for 500
shares of the Hong Kong Tramways,
Ltd.

The forged scrip was numbered
4,039 for shares Nos. 498,179-
498,678, valued at \$10,250.

After examining the scrip, Mr.
Simmons stated in the witness box
that to him it was obviously a
forged document. The name of the
holder of the 500 shares appeared
on the document as Leung Hing-sun,
and witness said that that was not
the name of any shareholder of the
Company. Share certificate No.
4,039 (not the one in Court) was
cancelled in August, 1925, and never
related to the particular distinctive
share numbers appearing on the
scrip produced by Mr. T. Murphy,
A.S.P. (prosecuting).

The cancelled share certificate,
No. 4039, was issued to a share-
holder named Li Yau-yue in
February, 1925, and related to
shares Nos. 641,766-642,265. Shares
Nos. 498,179-498,678, which ap-
peared on the forged document in
Court, in fact related to share
certificate No. 6355, according to
the Company's share register, and
were issued to a shareholder named
Tsui Min-chau.

Replying to Mr. Murphy, Mr.
Simmons said that the scrip
forming the subject of the charge
against the accused was dated June
6, 1928 and purported to bear the
signatures of Mr. A. H. Compton
and witness. As a matter of fact
both Mr. Compton and witness were
in England at the time and could
not possibly have signed the
document. As a matter of fact,
according to the Company's share
register no shares whatever were
sold on June 6, 1928.

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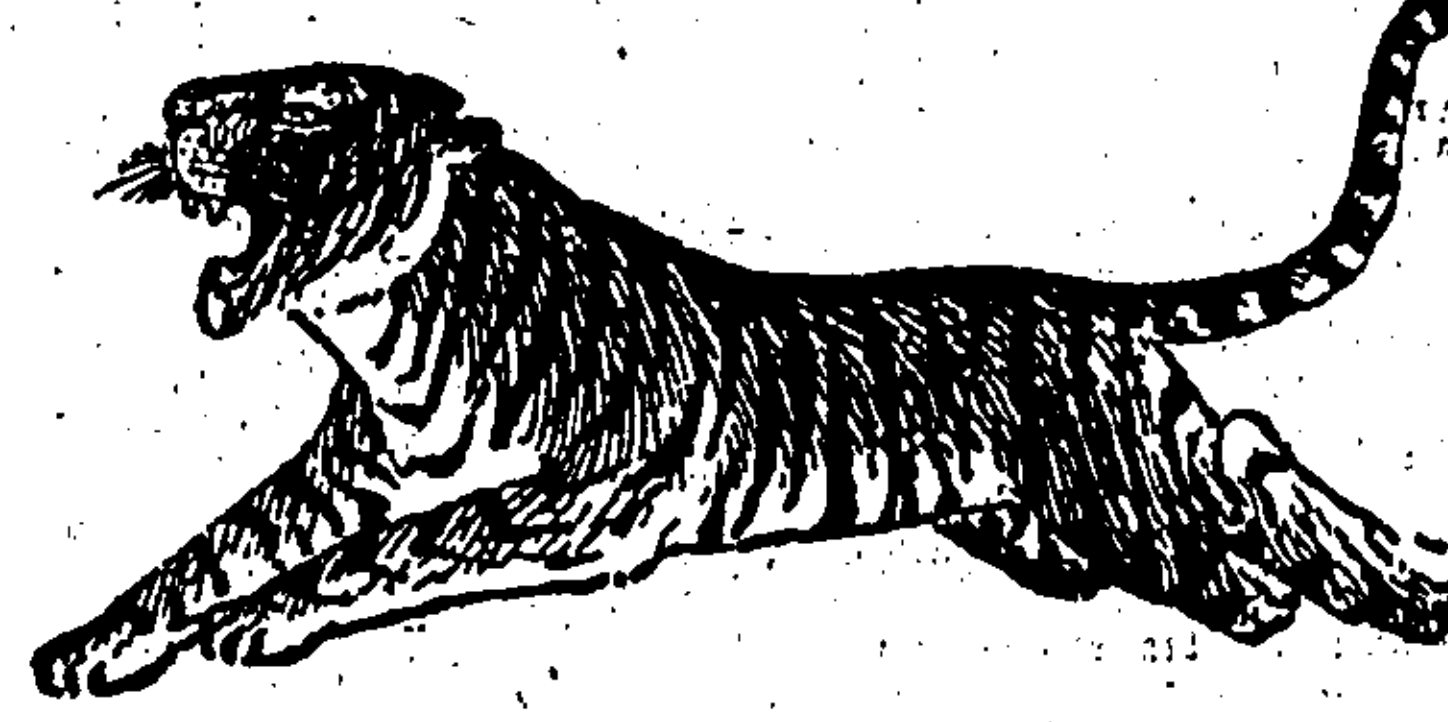
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SANTHA	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
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KARNATA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
LAHORE	6,252	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	28th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MANTUA	10,046	29th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1929.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," arrived at Kobe yesterday at 9 a.m., left that port at 4 p.m. and is due at Nagasaki to-day at 3 p.m.

The s.s. "Piave" sailed from Karachi on Jan. 23, and is expected here on Monday.

The American Mail Liner "President Madison" leaves to-day at 4 p.m. She is due back here on Monday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m. and will sail on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6 a.m. for Victoria and Seattle, via Shanghai and Japan.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benvenno" from Middlesbrough, Dunkirk, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on Feb. 21.

The Dollar Liner "Ruth Alexander," which is replacing the "President Adams," is expected in Shanghai on Monday and sailing on the 20th. This steamer will arrive at Hong Kong at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 and will continue her trip Round-the-world on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 8 a.m.

The American Mail Liner "President Jackson," which sailed from San Francisco on February 1, left Honolulu on the 7th inst., on schedule, and is due to arrive here, via Japan and Shanghai, on Monday, Feb. 25.

The M.V. "Vimaine" sailed from Massawa on Jan. 23, and is expected here on Feb. 23.

The Dollar Liner "President Taft" sailed from Seattle on February 9 and is due to arrive at this port on March 1.

The M.V. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on Feb. 2, and is due here on or about Mar. 14.

The M.V. "Formosa" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on Feb. 5, and is due here on or about March 25.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Khartoum" from Europe, February 24.

S.S. "City of Guildford" from New York via Suez, March 2.

S.S. "Rosier" from New York via Panama, March 2.

S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 17.

S.S. "City of Khios" from New York via Suez, March 25.

Sailings from Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Khartoum" for Shanghai and Japan, February 25.

S.S. "Rosier" for Shanghai and Japan, March 3.

S.S. "City of Delhi" for Shanghai and Japan, March 18.

S.S. "City of Guildford" for New York, Boston and Baltimore, March 20.

S.S. "City of Khios" for Manila and Hilo, March 23.

OUR VISITORS

ENJOYING TOURS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COLONY

"EMPRESS" SAILS TO-NIGHT

To-day, the fourth day of the stay of the Canadian Pacific R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" in Hong Kong harbour, is a free day for the majority of the 400 globe-trotters travelling on her, and various groups went out after breakfast either shopping in town or for a jaunt in Kowloon or the mid levels of the island.

The party known as "C" went for a motor trip to Repulse Bay Hotel this morning, where lunch will be served, after which the ride around the Island will be completed. They will have a free afternoon, and all tourists will have dinner on board.

The "Empress of Australia" will sail for Shanghai at 10 o'clock to-night.

"Belgenland" Leaves To-morrow. The tourists on the Red Star Line's "Belgenland," which came in at daylight yesterday, went for a motor ride to the Peak this morning. In the afternoon they will split up into two parties, one of which goes for a tour of the New Territories, and the other will motor to Repulse Bay Hotel, where tea will be had before completing the trip round the Island.

To-morrow will be a free day, and at 3 p.m., the "Belgenland" will leave for Manila.

STEAMER BEACHED

LEAK SPRUNG IN HEAVY SEA

CREW'S NARROW ESCAPE

Sydney, Jan. 22.

Bound from Sydney to Newcastle with general cargo, the coastal steamer "Allan River" sprung a leak near Broken Bay early this morning, and was with difficulty manoeuvred to the shallow water inside Pittwater, below the Barren Joey lighthouse.

The steamer left Sydney at 9 o'clock last night, carrying about 80 tons of cargo. A leak was discovered soon after the voyage began. The water gained to a serious extent, and there was a rough south-east sea running, causing the vessel to roll heavily. Before midnight Captain Bedgrove had ordered all hands to the pumps, but the water gained, and the cargo was awash with every roll of the vessel. The water in the holds was pitched from side to side, shifting some of the cargo. The engineer became anxious, as the water rose nearer and nearer to the furnace. The pumps were kept working desperately, and the captain steered for the shallows at Pittwater. Lifebelts were put out in readiness, as it was feared that the vessel would not reach the beach, but the men at the pumps held out long enough to reach the shelter of the bay, and when the steamer ceased to roll the influx of water was not so great. When the "Allan River" was beached, the crew considered that they had been very fortunate to reach safety.

The "Allan River" is a wooden vessel of 143 tons gross, and is owned by the Hunter River Company. She had a crew of eight. She transhipped her deck cargo to the steamer "Gosford" to-day, and returned safely to port to-night. The captain said that in two hours the crew had a desperate fight to keep the vessel afloat. The leak was caused by the oakum in the seams becoming loose in the heavy sea.

A PROTEST

SCRAPPING OF THE "SYDNEY"

Stoker Joseph Overell, late H.M.A.S. "Sydney," writes to an Australian paper:

I protest against the action of the Commonwealth Government in scrapping the H.M.A.S. "Sydney." As a member of the crew this action appears to me to be a wanton waste. The "Sydney" is the only vessel known in history to have fought a single ship action under two flags—the British ensign and the Australian ensign. Again, the "Sydney," in the fight with the "Emden," was the first ship to fight a single ship engagement in 100 years. The "Sydney" assisted in the capture of Rabaul, and also sank a submarine and drove off a Zeppelin, although not equipped with anti-aircraft guns. All this was being history for the budding nation, Australia. Thousands of pounds are being spent on memorials to the men who made Australia famous. Would it be out of place to retain our famous fighting ship as a perpetual memory of our entry into nationhood?

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benvenue" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after Feb. 21.

The German steamer "Dione" (1,107 tons) was last month damaged in collision with the Swedish steamer "Osmed" (1,525 tons), near the South Goodwins, and was later beached near Dover.

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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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Bank, on demand	
Bank, 30 days' sight	
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/-
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
On Paris	
On demand	123 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1307 1/2
On Berlin	
On demand	
On New York	
On demand	48 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	49 3/4
On Bombay	
Wire	132
On demand	132
On Calcutta	
Wire	132
On demand	132
On Singapore	
On demand	85 1/4
On Manila	
On demand	96 3/4
On Shanghai	
On demand	78
80 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama	
On demand	106
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.75
Silver (per oz.)	25 3/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2 3/4 Prem.
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Chinese Copper Cents	6 Prem.
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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.80
New York	4.85 11/32
Brussels	34.94
Geneva	25.24
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.80
Berlin	20.45 1/2
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.54 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	31.02 1/2
Lisbon	109 3/4
Athens	335
Bucharest	812 1/4
Rio	5 23/32
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6 1/4
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
Silver Spot	25 3/4
Silver Forward	25 13/16

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Mr. E. E. Chambers, manager of the Chartered Bank, Penang, is shortly leaving on transfer to Kuala Lumpur. He has spent over ten years in Penang first as accountant, then as acting manager, and finally as manager since 1925. Mr. Chambers has made a large circle of friends in Penang, who will be sorry to lose him. As President of the Penang Turf Club for several years he has done excellent work.

Mr. A. L. Birse has been appointed an assistant district judge for the Straits Settlements, and Mr. A. B. Cobden-Ramsay has been appointed to act as second assistant secretary.

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Pres. Johnson	Mar. 24th 8 a.m.	Pres. Wilson	Apr. 21st 8 a.m.
		Pres. V. Duren	May 5th 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Pierce	Feb. 16th 6 p.m.	Pres. McKinley	Mar. 12th 6 p.m.
Pres. Jackson	Feb. 26th 6 p.m.	Pres. Jefferson	Mar. 16th 6 p.m.
Pres. Taft	Mar. 2nd 6 p.m.	Pres. Grant	Mar. 25th 6 p.m.

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Hong Kong. Saturday. Feb. 16, 1929.

Improvements on the Praya- With the opening of the new Sallors' and Soldiers' Home on the Praya a vast improvement has been effected in this neighborhood—an improvement that was long overdue. When the place in which the old Home disappeared in the course of a month or so still more gratifying will be the "scene effects" here. There is something to be grateful for all the same, that the city authorities and contractors have been able to do.

It is so well understood that the Garden Plots land on the mainland is becoming increasingly valuable as the population increases—hence flats, flats, and still more flats will go up without a thought of giving the occupiers, and especially the kiddies, an inch of spare ground in front. The town planners are not as deaf as the Boojum, why cannot they insist on at least a few feet being reserved in front of the new flats, just sufficient for a small railing and a foot or so of spare ground to permit a plant for two or three years, or wherein children may be kept away from the pavement of the street, traffic and many other things which may invite complaint. Why not invite Mum to plant a tree, or a bush, or a flower bed, or a concrete area, or a garden? If it is for the benefit of general welfare, it is not worth anything.

For I dived into the future,
as human eye can see
Saw the vision of the world
and all the wonders
would be:
Saw the heavens fill with
mercy, Argosies of man
sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight
dropping down with
clouds
bales:
Heard the heavens
shoot, and there
raining
plastic sea:
From the stations air, no
travellers in the
cent
blue:

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MARCHING PAST: The Battalion of Royal Marines marching past Vice Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt and his staff. From left to right: Major General Sir C. Hart, OBE, C.M.G., at Happy Valley. — (Photo by courtesy of the Royal Navy.)

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED.

Circular Overskirt



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NOTES AND HINTS

FASHIONS, COOKING AND HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Portraits of well-known people, cut out of newspapers and illustrated weeklies with the names removed, form an intriguing party competition. They should be pasted on cardboard, numbered, and hung on the walls of a room. The guests are asked to write down the names of as many as they can identify, prizes being given for the most accurate list.

Ribbon Brocade for Shoes

Strong brocaded ribbon in various designs and colourings is now sold in London for covering evening shoes. The ribbon is specially woven to stand hard wear, and made in a suitable width, so that the task of re-covering a favourite pair is now a fairly easy one.

An Unusual Evening Gown

A beautiful picture frock of parchment-coloured faille silk has an original colour note introduced by one shoulder strap of hyacinth blue silk flowers matched by a large tulle bow on one hip. The tulle is secured by a cameo brooch in hyacinth blue surrounded by French paste.

Cire Satin Coat

Navy blue cire satin is the material chosen for a smart bridge coat which is a change from the more usual models in velvet or brocade. The coat is cut very plainly with a flat collar edged with scalloping, and a similar edging appears on the cuffs and hem.

"Whose Eyes?"

"Whose Eyes?" forms a good competition which will amuse guests at a party. A paper screen should

Screen Stars Who Were Divorced Last Year



Romances of many famous screen stars went on the rocks in 1928. Louise Brooks, the port flapper of the films, was divorced from A. E. Sutherland, a director; Helene Costello separated from John Y. Regan; Jacqueline Logan was awarded a decree from Robert Gillespie; Dorothy Mackaill and Lother Mendes, a director, were separated by the courts; Madge Bellamy and Logan F. Metcalf, a broker, called "Hins," and so did Blanche Mehaffey, who told a Judge that George J. Hausen, a big game hunter, was "too untamed" for domestic life.—Note their various styles of hairdressing.

FICKLE FASHION

THE STRUGGLE TO BRING LONG SKIRTS

The fickleness of Fashion is a myth. At root Fashion is most conservative. Once in a decade she changes radically, but for long years she only hedges, compromises, develops, modifies.

Take the short skirt. We have had it for about fourteen years in this form and in that. It came first full and jaunty like that of the Vivandiere or the ballet girl. It shrivelled down to the tight little bit of a thing which was and is so difficult to sit down in, and which has been caricatured as a frill, a flounce, and a kilt.

Peter Pan



Lady Pamela Smith, the daughter of the Earl of Birkenhead, playing the part of Peter Pan in the Hyde Park pageant, given at Wyndham's theatre in London.

Now it is being vigorously attacked by dressmakers, who have taken up the theme from the moralists. They are trying their best to bring back long skirts, but without much success. They have managed to persuade women to wear evening dresses which dip low at the back and which trail at the sides, but the front of the skirt is invariably short.

What are they going to do this spring? This is a daily question.

We are told that the new skirts are to be longer and the waist higher, and so some people at once jump to the conclusion that we shall wear skirts to the ankles and waists which can be spanned by two hands.

Exaggerated hopes. Fashion discarded the long skirt and the tight waist when she saw women taking seriously to sport and business. What may come is the straight dress, well below the knees, with a suggested waistline well above the hips and even high under the arms.

There are many women in France who are inclined to the modes of the First Empire, modified to suit

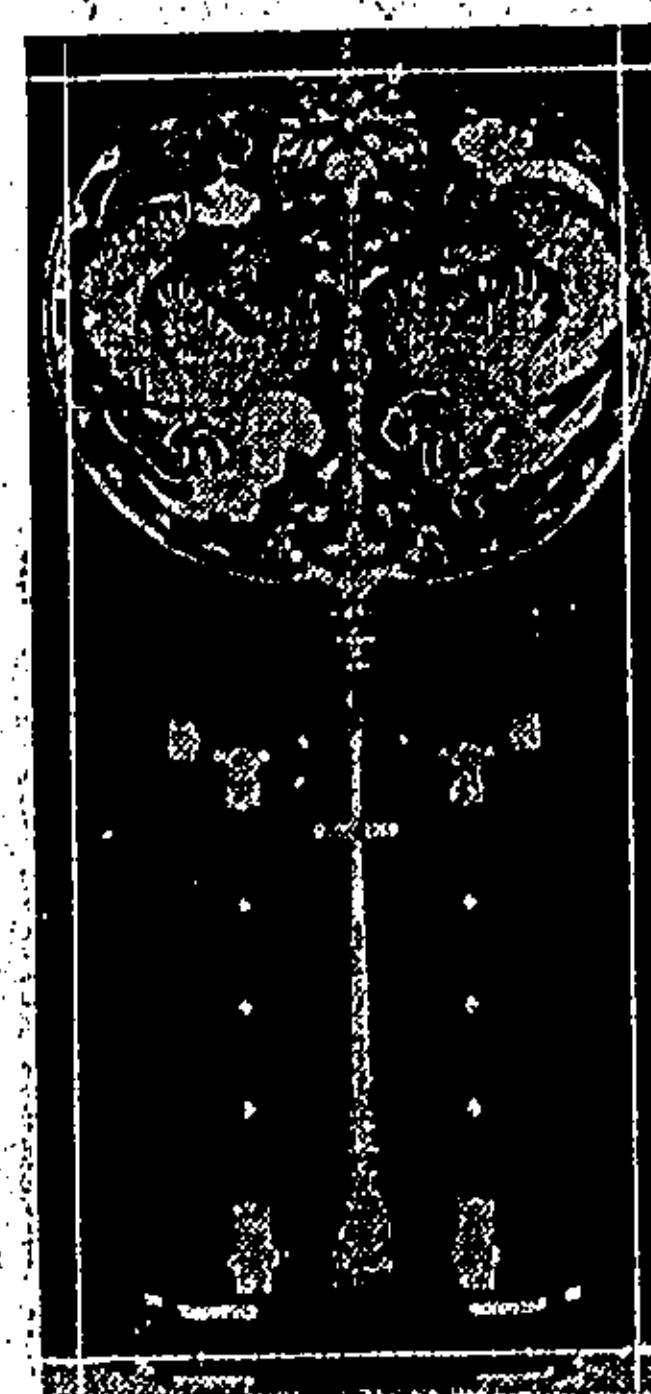
modern tastes and conditions of present-day life.

The things in Fashion which will endure are the practical sport clothes, the comfortable walking skirt, the hat which does not blow away with a puff of wind.

Women will never accept fashions which impede their movements again. They have worn skirts which are outrageously short because they can dance and walk in them with comfort. They will never take to skirts which drag about the ankles and have to be lifted on a wet or dusty day.

And Fashion will never ask them to do so. They may consent to the

Costliest Fan



The costliest fan in the world—embroidered with 2,111 pearls—a gift to the Japanese Imperial House from the Prefecture of Miya. This phoenix fan is the first ever received by a member of the Japanese Imperial family.

long dress for evening, and they may be glad to have skirts for the day which allow them to sit in comfort without showing their knees. These are modifications, not changes.

As to hats, it might be well for the very tight hat to go, since it ruins the hair, but to face hats which have to be held to the head with five long stabbing pins and a veil tied close about the face is unthinkable. Such a fashion would revolutionise hairdressing to begin with, and it would also mean that women had lost their sense of values altogether. Again, Fashion will not ask them to make the change.

To Be Remembered

Every season it is clear to the observer that women's dress is ruled by more commonsense, better taste, and a realisation of life as it has to be lived than formerly.

It is also much more closely connected with decorative art than it was. A dress has to look right in its surroundings or it is wrong. To be over-dressed is a social sin.

To walk in silk attire is not so expensive as to walk in the right woollens.

To have the right sports clothes is much more important than to be rich in afternoon dresses.

All these little nothings about fashion are things to remember at this moment when the new spring and summer fashions are being designed and will shortly be shown.

IF YOU DON'T WANT A COLD

Use "Vapex" regularly for its remarkable protective power. Just a drop on the handkerchief, each morning and an occasional inhalation of the vapour during the day suffices. "Vapex" and the germs of cold and flu cannot exist together.

The Boudoir?



Once again the desire to create a chic ensemble is responsible for the popularity of a new piece of wearing apparel. The breakfast jacket has come in to its own now that jackets in general are fashionable.

The vogue of wearing jackets begins early in the morning and extends throughout the day into the very late hours when the cocktail jacket is featured over the evening gown.

The cocktail jacket, however, does not match its gown, but supplies a note of brilliance in contrast. The breakfast jacket, on the other hand, finds itself completing an ensemble aspect by matching perfectly the night robe or pajama that is worn beneath it.

The bed jacket that is attracting so much attention right now is distinctly feminine in feeling. It

Tientsin Carpet



Right, Gary Cooper, who gave another screen star, Lupe Velez (left), a H.K.\$2,400 Tientsin carpet as a Christmas present.

is most often seen in chiffon or crepe de chine, the favoured materials of the undergarments. Elaborately trimmed and embroidered they offer the latest whim of fashion in ensembles. For warmer climates these jackets are unlined and extremely cool while chill days need a padded or lined jacket of matching charm.

Doris Dawson, in the First National motion picture, "His Captive Woman," demonstrates the popularity of this combination by appearing in a matching "nightie" and breakfast jacket of two thick-nesses of chiffon in pink and blue that are blended into an orchid tone. Cream Chantilly lace and ribbon form an effective trimming.

Kayser SLIPPER HEEL HOSIERY

A hose that enjoys wide popularity is this Kayser "Slipper Heel" hose that is service weight. It is exquisitely fine and clear of texture—yet it wears exceptionally well. And the exclusive Kayser feature, "Slipper Heel" gives a smart slenderness to natural beauty line of the ankle. In street or costume shades.

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"Daring" Fancy Dress



The divorcee Mrs. Pauline Dorey (above) is the daughter of Mrs. William C. Vanderbilt and the former wife of the Under-Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Ogden Mills. She is now Mrs. Charles Murray, son of Lord of Roskill. Mrs. Dorey is French and descendant of Napoleon. She is seen above in a "daring" fancy dress.

Pamela

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REMARKABLY PRETTY DRESSES WORN AT THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS BALL, AT THE MANSION HOUSE, LONDON.—Photo shows Miss Ruth Treadwell dressed as a Dutch Girl and Miss Nanty Treadwell in an Early Victorian Dress.—(Sport and General).



WONDERFUL FASHIONS IN BRITISH ARTIFICIAL SILK.—The progress of British artificial silk was remarkably displayed at the Artificial Silk Exhibition which opened at Olympia, London, on Jan. 21, when original Spring fashions revealing clinging textures, and subtly-blended colours were displayed by beautiful mannequins. Here is a feature of the exhibition—a remarkable futurist design for 1950.—(Sport and General).



THE ENGLISH FOLK DANCE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON.—Apart from the variety of English folk dances, a new feature was the appearance of traditional Danish folk dancers—farmers and their wives—who gave an exhibition dressed in the picturesque costumes made of cloth woven by themselves. The Danish team is seen in their picturesque attire, rehearsing a folk dance.—(Sport and General).



WINTER SPORTS SEASON AT ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND.—A tailing party leaving the Grand Hotel, showing the grandeur of the snow clad mountains in the background. — (Sport and General).

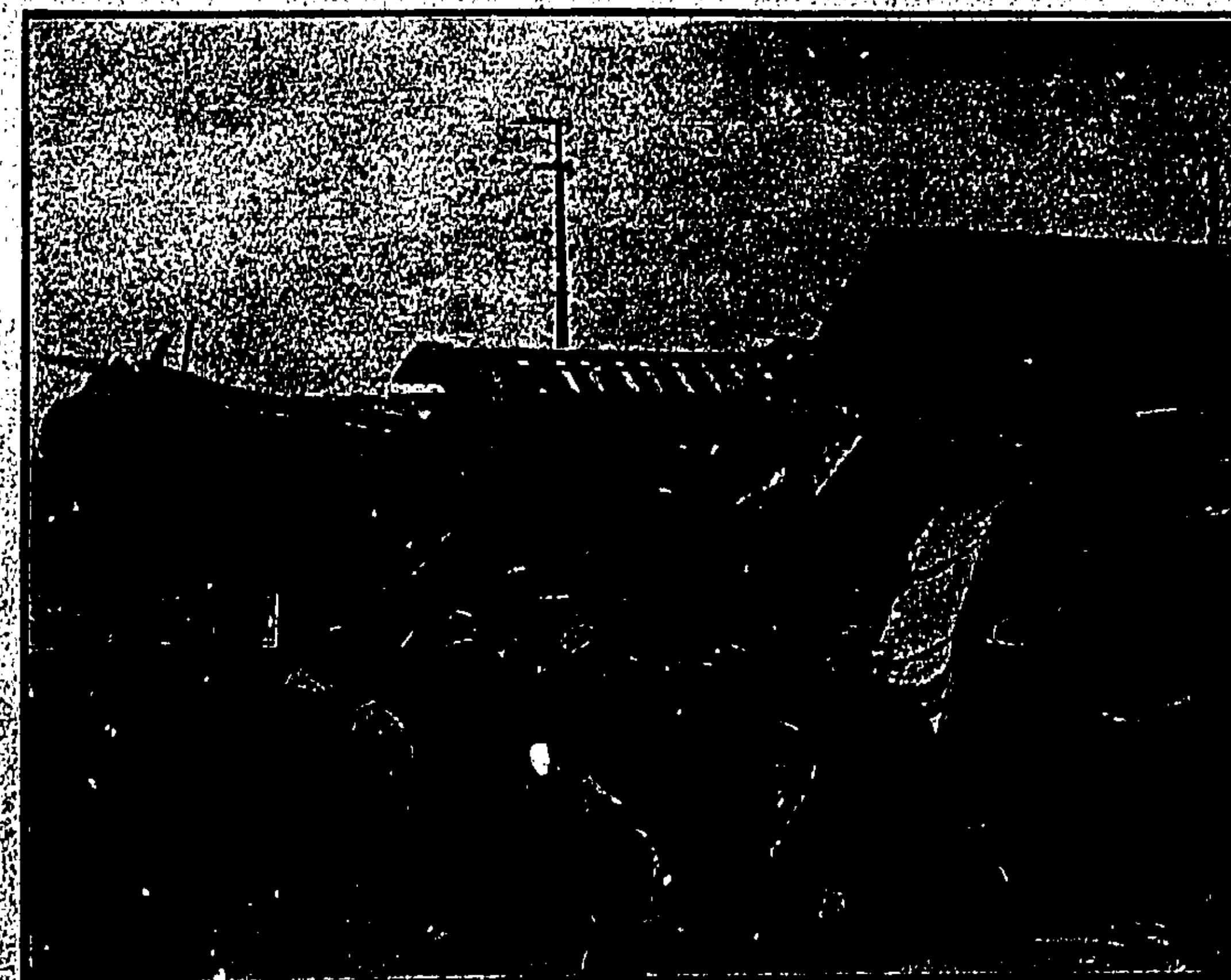
Left. — A VISIT TO MR. WILLIE CLARKSON, WHO RUNS THE CENTURY OLD FIRM OF THEATRICAL AND FANCY DRESS COSTUMIERS OF WARDOUR STREET, LONDON.—This famous business was started by the present Mr. W. Clarkson's father, and the firm has made wigs and costumes not only for many leading actors and actresses, but also for Royalty. — Mr. Willie Clarkson is seen trying a fancy dress on a customer.—(Sport and General).



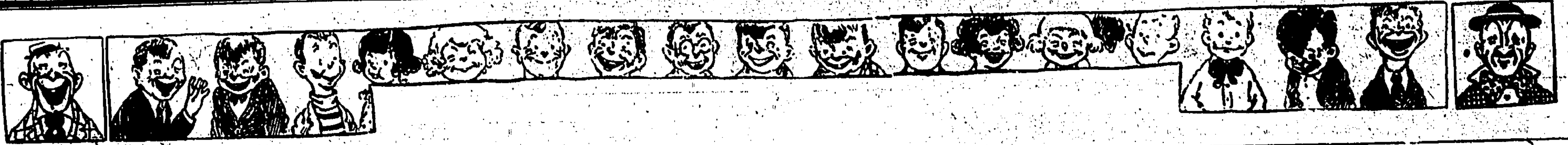
ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S ENTHRONEMENT. THE ENTHRONEMENT OF DR. WILLIAM TEMPLE AT THE HISTORIC YORK MINSTER.—He is blessing the City, Province and Diocese, outside the Minster after the ceremony.—(Sport and General).



NOVEL CRICKET MATCH PLAYED AT THE HOME OF CRICKET.—The famous pitch on Broad Halfpenny Down, Hambledon, Hants (where the first cricket match was played in England) was the scene of an interesting match. Mr. J.C. Squire, the well-known poet and parodist, captained his team of "Invalids" against the "Hampshire Eskimos," captained by Mr. E. Whalley-Tucker, of Hambledon. A matting wicket was used. During the game, the Hambledon Hounds met on the Downs and passed the cricketers at play. Here is an unusual picture showing both winter and summer sport in progress at the same time. The Hambledon Hunt are seen moving off to draw past the waiting cricketers.—(Sport and General).



EXPRESS TRAIN DISASTER AT ASHBURCH, GLOUCESTER.—Four people were killed and many injured when a London, Midland and Scottish express bound from Bristol to Nottingham ran into a goods train at Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury, in a heavy fog. Two coaches of the express were derailed, the driver being killed. It will be remembered that a similar disaster occurred at Charlfield, 80 miles from Ashchurch, last October. The wreckage of the two trains appears above.—(Sport and General).



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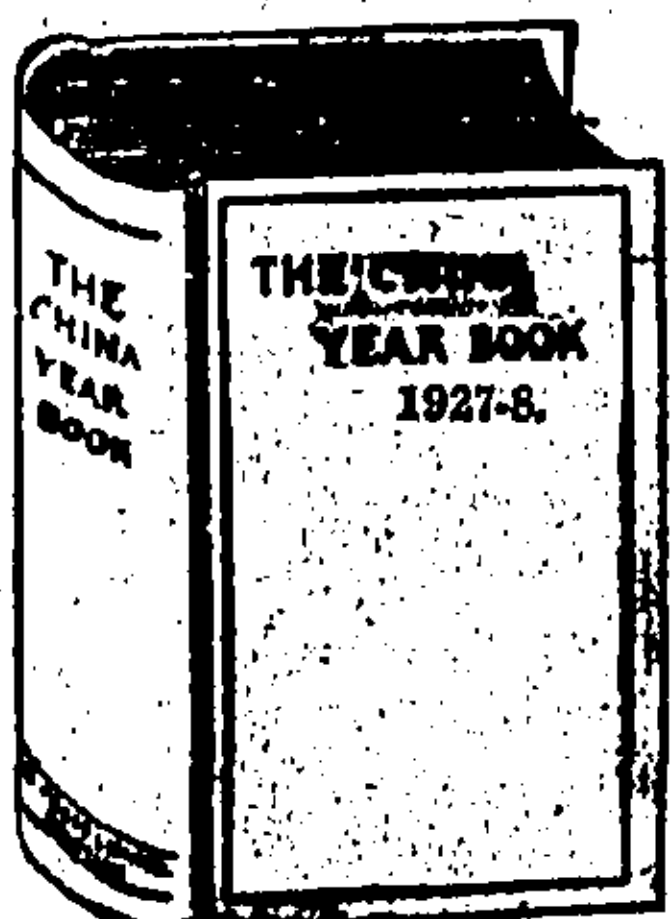
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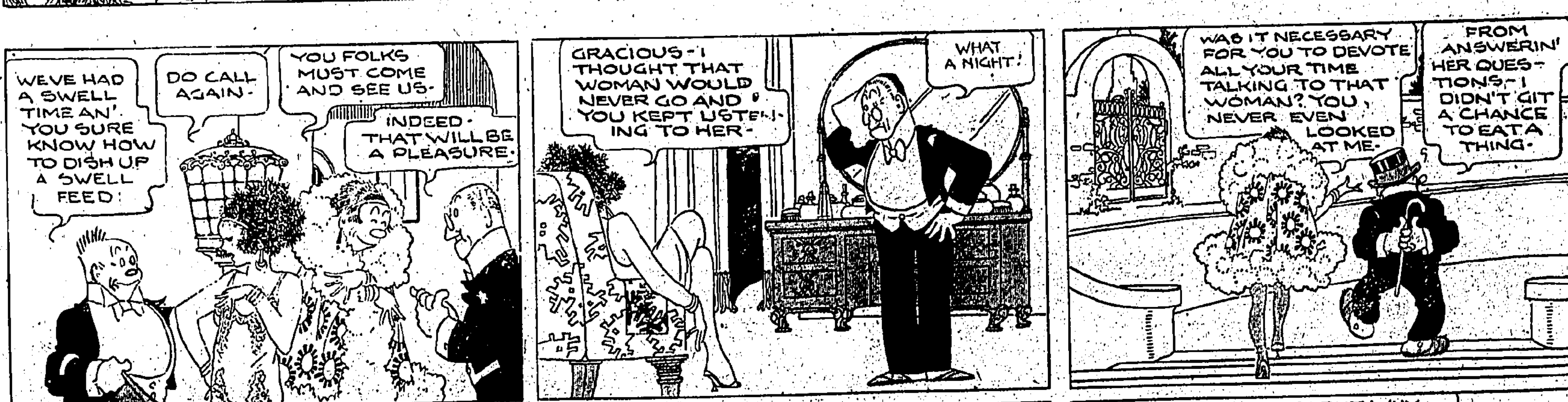
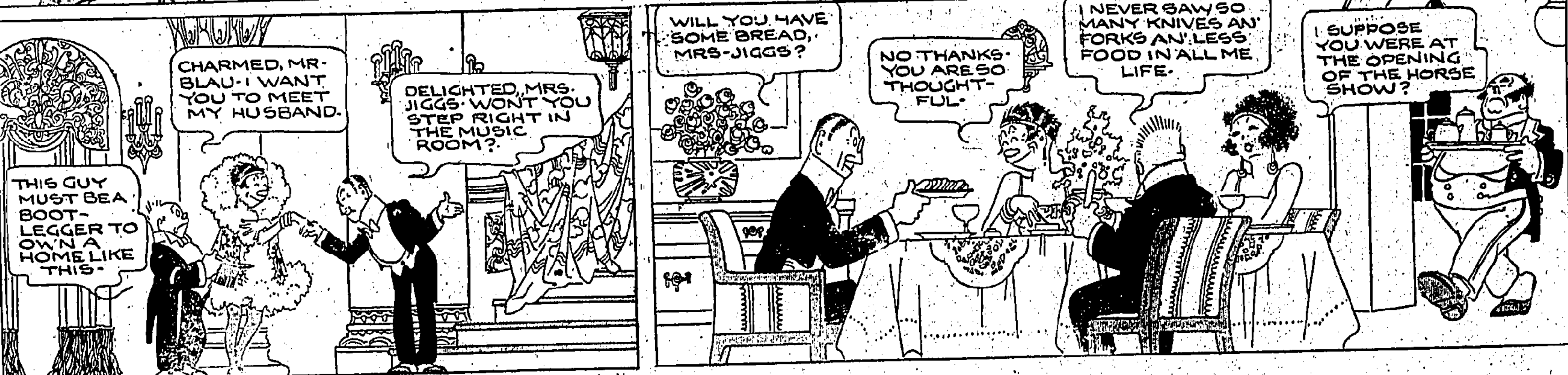
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XX.—PARENTS AND BAPTISM

[By the Rev. J. A. Howes]

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word."

"Soon after the birth of Jesus Christ, we read that the parents brought the young child, according to custom, into the temple. They came with the object of presenting their child to the Lord. What an example here to all careless parents who neglect the holy rite of baptism and deprive their children as much as lies in their power at least, of all the blessings that flow from it! As we see Joseph and Mary standing in the temple court, Mary pressing close the tender babe, her heart throbbing with love and heavenly inspiration as she thinks of how her child shall be God's, and Joseph by her side with their lowly offering in his hands, what a picture of sweet humility! The God of heaven and earth is fondled by no ringed white hands of pride, but lovingly is tended by this lowly woman. His place is with the poor. Rich women offered a lamb with a turtle dove at their purification. The Virgin's offering was the offering of the poor—two young pigeons; yet she brought into the treasure house of God's church a greater offering than all accumulated of the earth—the Very Lamb of God."

And now the just, devout old Simeon, led by the Spirit to the temple, has it revealed to him that this child Jesus is the He Who should redeem Israel. For this he has waited many years. It had been revealed to him that he should see Christ, and, lo, he holds Him in his arms. How blessed must that moment have been to the aged saint! Let us, too, wait for Jesus Christ in the daily use of the means of grace, and to us, too, will He come. Now with the sweet consciousness that this day is come salvation unto all, and with the knowledge that his own days are numbered. He holds the precious burden in His arms and utters words of resignation: "Lord, now Thou art dismissing Thy servant in peace, art relieving him of all doubts, and soothing his remaining years with fullness of joy in Thy presence." Notice, too, Simeon's waiting and the blessing he attained. He was a believer in God's word—although the voice of God had been silent for four hundred years since the prophets spoke, and no Saviour had come. The patience of Simeon was not exhausted, and his hope was not extinguished. When waiting time comes to us, and God's face seems hid, let us think of Simeon, and while doing our duty as just and devout men and women, rest assured that "the desire of all nations shall come."

K.O.S.B. CONCERT

TREAT PROMISED THIS EVENING
GOVERNOR ATTENDING

The Variety Entertainment organized by the K.O.S.B. in aid of local Services' charities is a farewell to Mrs. Luard, who is shortly leaving the Colony, is being held at night in the Theatre Royal at 9 o'clock. H.E. the Governor has expressed his intention of attending. The Committee have laid themselves out to cater for the public taste and, thanks to the full-hearted and generous support of many of the best known local artists, the musical success of the evening is assured, for it would be difficult to conceive a more talented or accomplished party than the ladies and gentlemen who are so kindly giving their very valuable services and adding another and very gracious proof of the enormous interest taken in, and kindness shown at all times to the services by the civilian community of the Colony.

The programme will include songs by Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Bowes Smith and Mr. MacLeod. The instrumental items will be rendered by Mrs. Cashman (piano) and Mrs. Baleen (violin), whilst the lighter side will be left in the very capable hands of Mr. Bunjo, Mr. Hannibal and Mr. Oscar Eager. The Military Band of the K.O.S.B. is in itself a great attraction and needs no introduction to the public and, under the able direction of Bandmaster W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., who has taken such a prominent part in the musical activities of the Colony since the arrival of the Regiment, should greatly add to the success of the evening.

In addition the Pipes and Drums will play, and there will be an exhibition of Highland dancing. Special note should be made that refreshments may be obtained during the interval, and that chocolate will be on sale in the theatre.

Notice, too, Simeon's reception of Jesus, a little child, a babe held by hands that evidently knew earthly toil, a child brought to the temple by parents who could only offer of their little store, the two young pigeons. Simeon, no doubt, had the national prejudice of his race as to a conquering Messiah. He had, no doubt, large expectations of the Lord's Christ. Yet on the revelation of God, he gives up his own will and ideas, takes the humble babe into his arms, and acknowledges Him to be God. What lessons of obedience and sacrifice of self-will are here. As the people were offended at Christ's poor parentage, and as Simeon might have been offended at this little childish form, so people take offence to-day and walk no more with Jesus.

People like to set up their own ideals of God, and, because the God of the Gospel works by apparently simple and insignificant methods. A little water in Holy Baptism; a little bread and wine in the Holy Communion; a little manual act in confirmation; a poor weak human voice in absolution; a few prayerful words in supplication—what good are these? People forget that it is by little things that God always does His wonderful works. It is by the little invisible atoms of vapour which He draws up, that He makes the clouds fertile and fructify the earth. In the human world, a single little thought implanted in the chambers of a pondering mind has worked until some mighty project has been launched. In the kingdom of grace the means are small and unlikely in the eyes of men to bring them any good. But let us look at Simeon embracing the little Babe in opposition to all his prejudices and former reasonings.

Let us, from the picture, learn to cast aside our self-willed, earthly thoughts and in humble faith and holy love embrace the much despised means of grace which the Lord Jesus Christ has put in our way."

BROWN DERBY

SEASON'S FUNNIEST PICTURE

AN UNUSUAL REQUEST

For some time motion picture producers have been telling us that the comedy is the thing, and the screen was made for laughter, and so on. Johnny Hines has kept the promise for all. His new First National picture, "The Brown Derby," which opened at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, yesterday, will take its place among the funniest pictures of the year. He has selected his best comedy vehicle to date in "The Brown Derby" and has provided the most hilarious situations seen for many a day. He has not stinted himself as some screen comedians do, but has surrounded himself with a splendid cast of players, who assist in putting over the uproarious moments with a bang.

Johnny Hines has always been one of our favourites, and at this moment we find ourselves reaching around for that comedy crown for him to adorn himself with when his head is not busily engaged underneath his brown derby. Johnny is more of a whirlwind than ever in the midst of his many comedy sequences, and in his love scenes he proves that a good comedian can at the same time be a good screen lover. And another thing in his characterisation—Johnny proves that a plumber can be funny without breaking a water-pipe.

The Story

The story of "The Brown Derby" deals with the exciting happenings that come into the life of a good-natured young man when he finds himself the heir to a brown derby bequeathed to him by an eccentric uncle. It seems that Johnny has an inferior complex, and the strange powers of this chapeau chase the gloom away. With the brown derby on Johnny's head and a case of mistaken identity under way, the fun starts at a furious pace and does not let up for a moment. A splendid cast support the star, including Lois Wilson, who is an excellent leading lady for the comedian. Ruth Dwyer is charming as the ingenue, and Bradley Barker is excellent as the fortune hunting lover.

Others, during prominently are Flora Finch, Edmund Breese, Barney Barry, Herbert Stirling, Harold Poshay, and Bob Hatter. Charles Hines directed and did not leave a full moment in the picture. It will be shown again to-day and to-morrow.

REALTY TRUST CO.

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ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., was held to-day in the company's office at Exchange-building. Mr. E. M. Raymond presided.

The notice convening the meeting was read by Mr. C. F. V. Ribeiro (acting secretary). The report and accounts were taken as read. The report (dated Jan. 25, 1929) of the auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davis, chartered accountants, was read as follows:— "We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs at Dec. 31, 1928, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by the books of the company."

Reference to the Arcade

The chairman's review was then presented as follows:—

I think that the balance sheet and accounts as presented, taken in conjunction with the amplifying remarks thereon appearing in the directors' report, show comprehensively the financial position of the company as on Dec. 31, 1928, and in these circumstances there is no need for me to enter into detailed explanation in connection therewith, with the exception of one item appearing in the balance sheet under the heading "Right of Way and Easements." This asset is accounted for by the fact that, during the year, your board effected arrangements whereby the Company disposed of a small strip of land totalling 341 1/4 square feet and forming a portion of a non-productive cul-de-sac on the north-west boundary of Exchange-building site, the price obtained being at the rate of \$40 per square foot subject to easements and a restrictive covenant in respect of development thereof. The terms of sale included an undertaking by the purchasers that such area be utilized in conjunction with the remaining portion retained by this company, for the sole purpose of a mutual right of way and inter alia, reserved for this company additional right of way facilities, over a new lane to be formed at the rear of the adjoining property.

Allocations

The profit for the year under review, including the sum of \$26,027.69 brought forward from the preceding year and after setting aside \$23,705.47 for depreciation, amounts to \$180,545.23. Deducting therefrom the interim dividend declared on Oct. 5, 1928 and amounting to \$60,000, a balance of \$120,545.23 remains, which your directors recommend be apportioned as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of 30 cents per share \$60,000.00.
To transfer to general reserve in order to bring such reserve up to \$200,000, ... \$45,488.00.
To carry forward to new account \$11,057.23.

I and I trust that this allocation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

From a perusal of the balance sheet, you will observe that notwithstanding the payment of the interim dividend to which I have just referred, the mortgage indebtedness of the company has been reduced, in round figures, by two lakhs during the financial period.

Property Well Maintained

The company's properties, both central and residential, have been well maintained and I am pleased to be able to state that same have been fully occupied during the year.

There being no further matters calling for particular comment I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1928, as presented be adopted and that the appropriation recommended by the directors be confirmed, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

BENEFIT OF TRADE

OFFICIAL INVITATIONS FROM CANTON

BANQUET TO MERCHANTS

Issued in the names of Marshal Li Chai-sun (Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist armies in Kwangtung and Kwangsi) and Chief of Nationalist General Staff and General Chen Min-chu (Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), invitations have been received in the Colony by Chinese merchants who have been asked to attend a banquet and entertain in Canton on Tuesday, March 19, at 10 o'clock.

The banquet is the first of a series of similar banquets in Canton and Hong Kong with a view to promoting trade relations between the two cities.

EUROPE FREEZING

(Continued From Page 1.)

blocks of ice are floating on the river at Richmond, only nine miles from Westminster. It is not, however, expected that the tidal waters of the river in London will be frozen over as they have been on occasions in the past. Since those times, when fairs were held on the ice of the river, embankments have been built, which speed up the flow of the river.—British Wireless Service.

On the Zuider Zee

Amsterdam, Yesterday. For the first time within living memory the three inhabitants of the lonely Zuider Zee, Island of Urk have succeeded in crossing by ice from Enkhuisen from the north of Volendam Marken to Urk.

Europe's Arctic Conditions

Vienna, Yesterday. The cold wave in Austria is assuming the proportions of a catastrophe. Gigantic snowdrifts and lack of fuel have caused innumerable cases of illness and compelled a further reduction of the train services. Many schools are closed.

Prague, Yesterday.

The intense cold is slowly paralysing the industrial life of Czechoslovakia, many roads and railway lines being blocked with snow. Bratislava and other towns are isolated and many of the smaller factories throughout the country are without coal and idle.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The centre of Berlin has been plunged in darkness as the result of the main gaspipes which cannot be thawed owing to the danger of explosion.

Antwerp, Yesterday.

Navigation on the Scheldt is suspended owing to the ice.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Seine is beginning to freeze in earnest. Water-borne traffic to Paris has ceased owing to floating ice. The Somme is completely frozen in the Peronne district and also at Abbeville. Even the sea is frozen at Berckplage 100 yards from the shore. The record low temperature of 66 degrees of frost was registered at Bonneval, near Montiers.

A score of deaths from cold occurred to-day.—Reuter.

AFGHANISTAN

TRIBAL OPPOSITION TO NEW AMIR

Moscow, Yesterday.

A message from Termez says that Habibullah is forcibly mobilising troops and requisitioning supplies without payment, with the result that the population of Kugistan has revolted.

The chiefs of the Shinwari and Kugiani tribes disarmed part of the army of the Pretender Ali Ahmed Khan some of whose troops deserted to Habibullah.

A special Jirga has been summoned at Kade near Jelalabad for the purpose of adjusting the inter-tribal disputes and arranging a campaign against Habibullah.—Reuter.

Charles John Day, a Church of England clergyman, charged at Rye, Sussex, with indecently assaulting a boy at Iden, was found not guilty and discharged.

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THIS WEEK'S NUMBER

This week's "Overland" will be acceptable anywhere. It recalls the exploits of H.M.'s armed launches on the West River during five years' trying service. These three boats are to be withdrawn. Their place is being taken by Chinese gunboats built in Hong Kong. One of these has already taken part in the rounding up of Communists at Kongmoon; and the story is told in the "Overland."

The Colony's new tobacco taxes, how Hong Kong celebrated another China New Year, and the developments at Chefoo, threatening danger to foreigners, are among the features of this week's "Overland." Be sure to get your copy in time for sending away.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

PLANES CRASH

SENSATIONAL INCIDENTS IN
MIRS BAY

FORTUNATE ESCAPES

A land plane and a seaplane were yesterday involved in two sensational flying accidents in Hong Kong.

The seaplane came to grief through trying to get alongside the land plane, and in consequence was forced down in Mirs Bay. Beyond an immersion in the sea, the four Airmen concerned in the mishap were uninjured, and were fortunate to escape with their lives. Lieut. McIntyre (Flying Officer, Royal Air Force) was the pilot of the land plane which made a forced landing in Mirs Bay, and he was taken off the plane by a sampan which was in the vicinity and transferred to H.M.S. "Thracian," which was also out on exercise. This fact was not known, however, to the pilots of other planes who immediately set out to search him.

For An Hour

The second mishap occurred when the seaplane sighted the stranded plane in Mirs Bay. In going down to practically water level to investigate, the seaplane suddenly crashed. It was not clear whether this happened on or near the water, but the plane nearly turned turtle with its tail broken. Luckily the three occupants of this plane, Lt. J. W. M. Healing (pilot), Lt.-Comdr. J. de B. Wallis (observer) and Telegraphist Theobald, were able to free themselves from the body of the plane. They clung to the floats for about an hour before they were finally rescued by a sampan.

The other searching planes, which had seen the rescue of the three officers from the air, then dropped messages on H.M.S. "Cornwall" and she sent off a boat to take the three Airmen from the sampan. They were taken to the cruiser.

Both planes, which have been salvaged, were so badly damaged that they are unfit for further use.

Lieut. McIntyre's land plane was a "Fairy Flycatcher" N.918. It went up from the Kai Tak aerodrome, and was one of several machines which were sent out for a practice flight at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The seaplane (Fairy 3D, S1,010) float plane was attached to No. 442 Flight.

"LIKE HOT AIR"

CHARGE OF ESTABLISHING
STATION

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, J. T. Cotton, Jun., was charged with establishing a wireless telegraphy transmitting station at his residence, No. 1, Carnarvon-road.

Technical evidence was given by Mr. J. Key, and Sub-Inspector Doring applied for permission to put in as evidence, telegrams from a person in Amoy with whom the defendant had communicated by radio, but his Worship decided that unless the man himself was called, he could not accept the evidence.

Defendant denied having established a transmitting station, in spite of the fact that a long time ago he had applied for a licence and had in his possession radio parts. He never sent out a single signal.

In the course of his examination of the defendant, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, (the Magistrate), confessed ignorance of matters relating to wireless, and remarked: "It all sounds more like hot air than wireless to me."

Finally, the case was adjourned for expert advice, and owing to the fact that his Worship will be sitting in place of Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy from to-day, it was arranged that the case should be continued at the Hong Kong Court.

BROAD CASTING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
EVENSONG

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The evening service from St. John's Cathedral will be broadcast to-morrow, commencing at 5.55 p.m. The Government station on the Peak, call Z.B.W., will broadcast on 550 metres wave length to-day the following programme:—

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.30-6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

"The Bat" (J. Strauss), Selection; Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

Dance Music.

8.30 p.m.—

"Siegfried" (Wagner); Band Of The Gardo Republicaine.

"Lohengrin's Narration," Tenor; "Lohengrin's Farewell," Tenor; William Hesketh.

Dance Music.

9 p.m.—

"Spinning Wheel," "Songs My Mother Taught Me," Cello Solo; W. H. Squire.

Dance Music.

9.45 p.m.—

"Casse Noisette Suite," (Tchaikowsky); B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orch.

Dance Music.

10.10 p.m.—

News Bulletin.

(Continued on Next Column.)

LONDON COMPANY

MUSICAL COMEDY
SEASON

BANVARD COMPANY TO-NIGHT

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company of 25 London artistes, whose last visit to Hong Kong gave so much enjoyment to theatre-goers, is visiting the Colony again, commencing a short season at the Star Theatre to-night.

The opening piece will be "Folies Bergere" and will be followed by such well known musical comedies as "Tip Toes," "Oh Kay," "Clowns In Clover," and "Review of Revues."

"Lido Lady," which is now playing to crowded houses at the Gaiety Theatre, London, contains the original items specially written for the production.

A feature of each revue will be the appearance of the Banvard Beauty Chorus, who will wear the latest costumes brought from the Folies Bergere, Paris.

Mr. Banvard is well known throughout the East as a theatrical manager who handles only first class companies, and in view of the musical comedies to be presented, full houses should greet the artistes during their stay.

Seats may be booked in advance at Moutries and the Star Theatre.

Dance Music.

"Chevalier Medley," Fervent Mackey's Band.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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"I was then weighing 224 pounds which was all unhealthy fat. My body was swollen all over. I couldn't stoop over to do a thing, not even to lace my shoes. At night the pain was even worse than during the day. I suffered continually and my legs and feet were swollen all the time."

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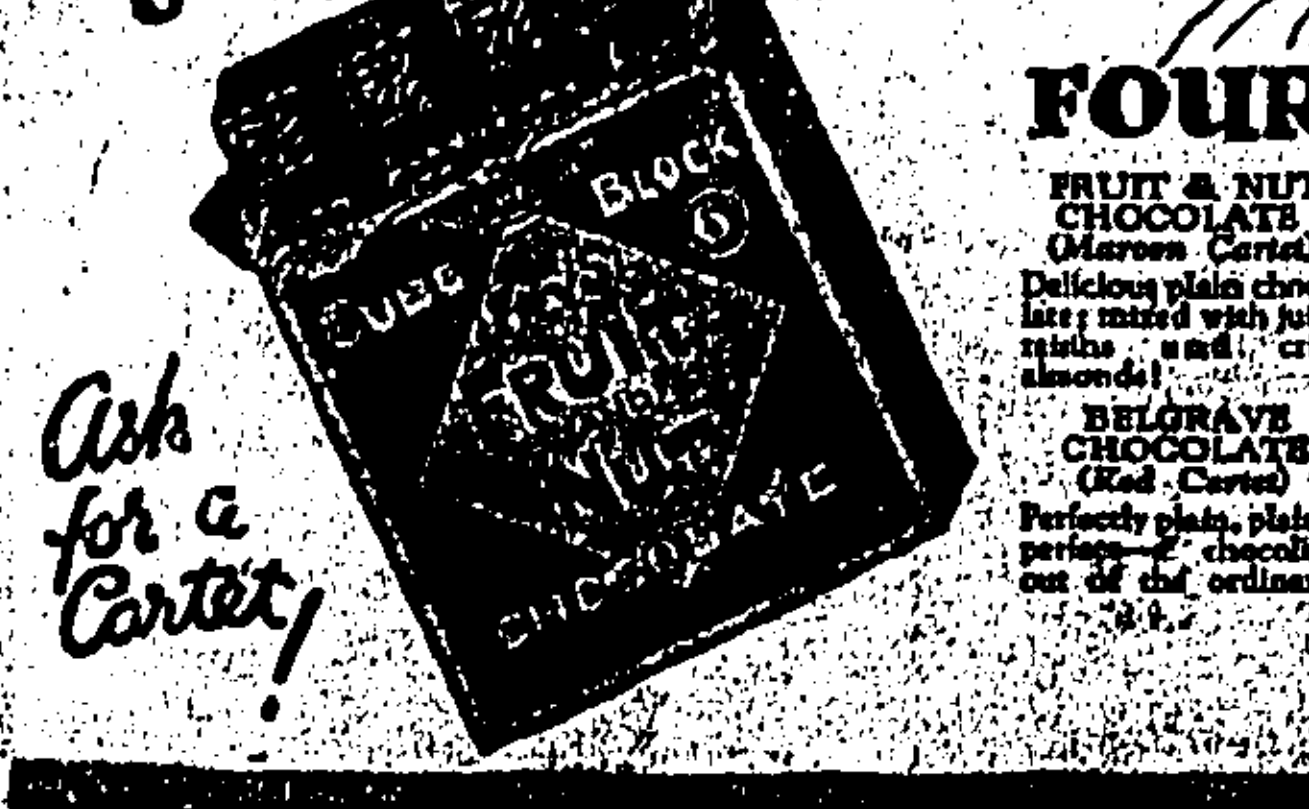
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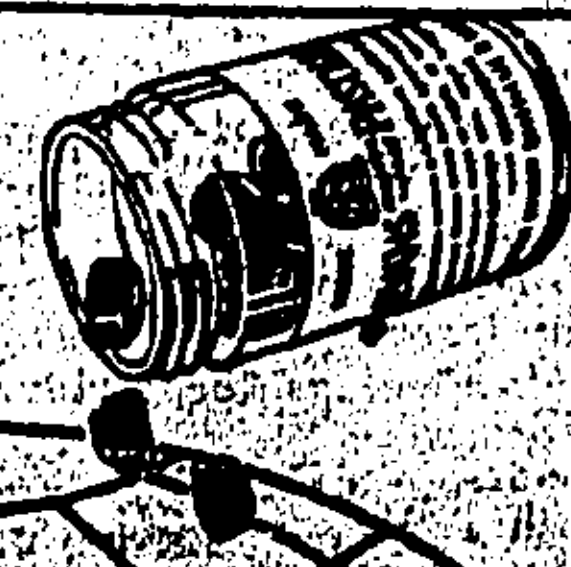
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

The North Pole



Captain Bob Bartlett, the Arctic explorer, looking over the model of a "saucer shaped" craft in which he is to drift for four years in the ice pack at the North Pole.

New Type of Dirigible



This all-metal dirigible, the "City of Glendale," a radical departure both as to construction and motive power is seen being floated from her hangar at Glendale, California. Many tests are to be undertaken.

U.S. President's Son



In his new uniform as a Major on the staff of the Governor of Connecticut, Mr. John Coolidge, (son of the President of the U.S.A.) posed proudly for the photographers with his fiancée, Miss Florence Trumbull, the daughter of Governor Trumbull. They are shown as they appeared at the Governor's inaugural ball in Hartford.

Reel Romance!



Sue Carol, shown above with Nick Stuart in a recent picture, is being divorced in Chicago by her husband, Mr. Allen H. Keefor. Following a decree, Sue has let it be known that she may marry Nick.

At a Funeral



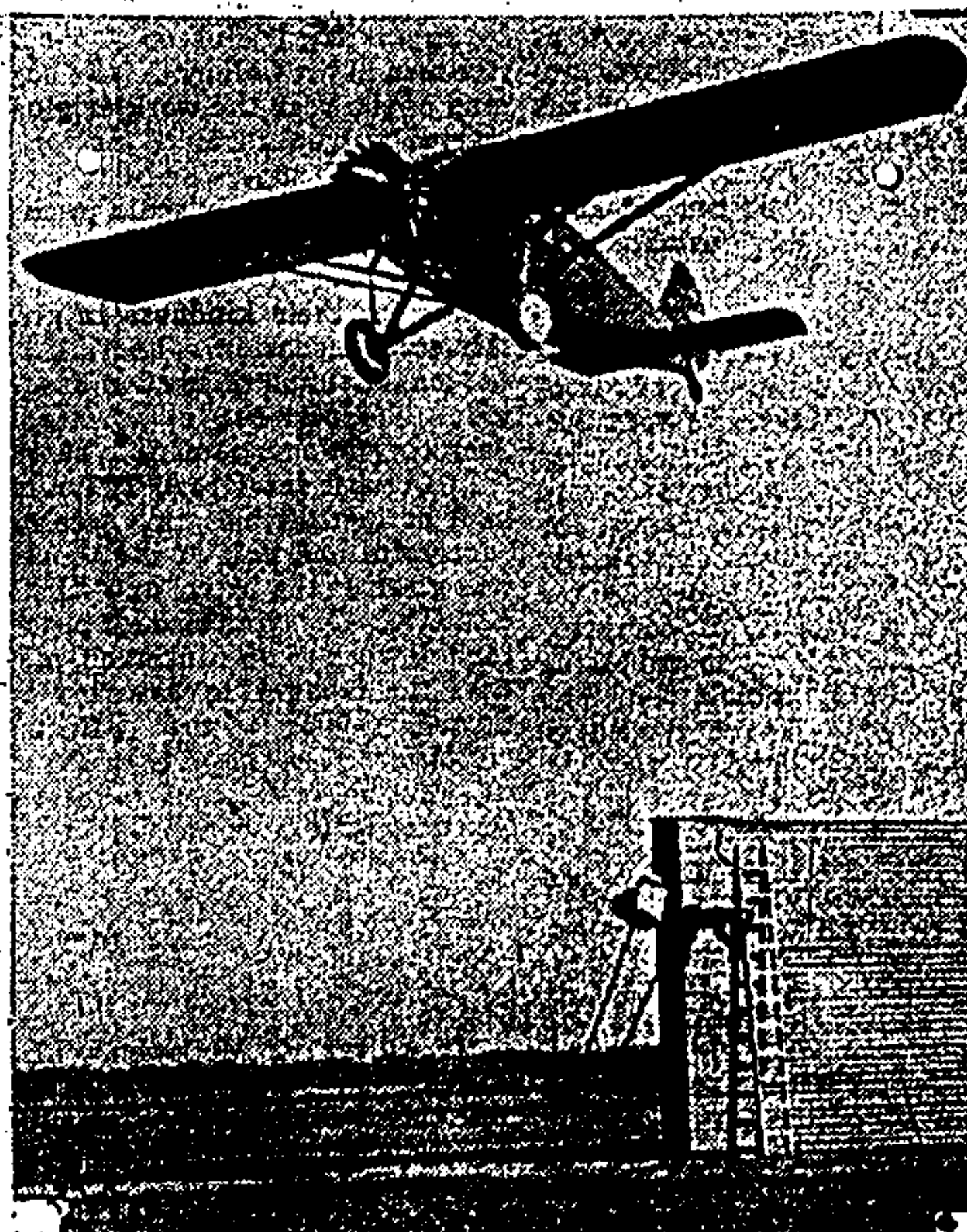
Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, at the funeral of Tex Rickard, the promoter who made his name.

German Singing "Star"



Hailed as the operatic "find" of the year in Germany, Fraulein Suzanne Litterman (above), a youthful singing star, is seen as photographed on a trans-Atlantic liner when setting out to seek new worlds to conquer.

Pick-up Device for Postal Planes



The "Postmaster," the leading plane of the U.S. postal department, testing the latest sack pick-up device at Roosevelt Field, New York. By means of this device the plane adds to its mail cargo without stopping. The pilot has to have a good eye to hit the mark with the hook on the end of a chain which picks up the sack.

Where the Hunting Is Always Good



President Coolidge of the U.S.A. and Mr. Howard E. Coffin (on the President's right) with a day's bag of game on Sapelo Island, Georgia. The chief executive and Mrs. Coolidge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coffin during the festive season.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

LADY WRITER

"LOVE AND THE LADIES"

["Love and the Ladies" by Eleanor Hallowell Abbott. London: Appleton's Colonial Library.]

The note on the jacket of this very charming book says "Eleanor Hallowell Abbott's public knows that she is a writer who never disappoints, and that everything from her pen will be fresh, endearing and individual." This is a very accurate description of her new book of short stories, "Love and the Ladies."

"Love and the Ladies" is composed of six short stories, "The Other Jasper," "Thursday's Swan had a Crumpled Wing," "Turkey in the Oven," "The Prompt Trousseau," "The Length and Breadth of Reality" and "The Steps That Went Up Into the Sky." The Other Jasper" is the longest and certainly the most meritorious tale, and deals sympathetically and charmingly with the rather empty life of "Little Tyndall." "Little Tyndall" is the last of the Tyndall bunch... she was such a tiny thing, so sort of nondescript and indefinite in her first tomboyish knicker that people just naturally got tired of asking 'Is it a boy or a girl?' and called her 'Little Tyndall' instead. Jasper Kent is introduced to her by her old dog Jasper, and their love story is original and very well handled by the author.

"Turkey in the Oven" is another extremely readable tale, really written, with touches of quaint humour, and ending just as romantically as "The Other Jasper"—in fact, the four remaining stories do likewise and "Love and the Ladies" might be described as a series of promising beginnings and happy endings.

A capital book to while away lazy hours.

["Skin O' My Tooth" by Baroness Orczy. London: Hodder and Stoughton.]

It is a comparatively rare thing to find a woman writer successfully entering the ranks of thriller or detective fiction. Perhaps it is because so few women possess a logical brain; perhaps it is because books of this nature deal more essentially with man's sphere than is the case with the general run of fiction. The leading characters are almost of necessity males, and it usually needs a man to interpret a man's reactions and reasonings amid the highly-coloured action the public demand.

Baroness Orczy has written some quite acceptable fare in the crime line, though it is never likely to approach either in quality or popularity her historical novels of the Scarlet Pimpernel series. In her latest production she has once more deserted history for modernity, and even the best-intentioned reader will experience a slight feeling of regret for the circumstance. She has created an Irish lawyer who, owing to his ability for releasing innocent people from the clutches of the law, has earned the nickname of "Skin O' My Tooth." She tells some of his experiences in a series of short stories, some fairly good and some indifferent. At best, however, they only attain a medium level as judged by modern standards of detective fiction, while throughout she perpetuates the old-fashioned idea of portraying the professional police as congenial idiots.

After reading "Skin O' My Tooth" one cannot help feeling that, while Baroness Orczy holds a niche of her own in historical fiction, she will never be anything more than one of the mob in the detective and thriller line.

BOOKS IN BRIEF

["The Lovers of the Market Place" by Richard Dehan. Thornton Butterworth, Ltd., London, 6/- From Albert and Son, Ltd., Perth.]

Sequels are not always satisfactory, but the present book is a worthy successor to "The Pipers of the Market Place." Indeed, in some respects, Richard Dehan's story of what befell Malvina Braby and her son Stephen after the former's separation from her husband, the half-distraught Wilfrid Braby, is an even finer piece of work than its predecessor. Malvina is the same loyal, upright and indomitable woman, whose integrity of character has endeared her to so many readers, while Stephen, now grown to manhood, is the worthy son of a worthy mother. The time of the story is the late seventies of last century, and the scenes alternate between the Brabys' country cottage in Hertfordshire and London—the London of Covent Garden and its immediate surroundings. The persecutions which Stephen and his mother endure at the hands of Wilfrid Braby and his partner in wickedness, Gregson Grundall, and

Stephen's idyllic love-affair with Lou Buckley, of Covent Garden Flower Market, together with the happy issue of Malvina and Stephen out of all their troubles, is the motive of Richard Dehan's beautiful and absorbing romance.

["H.R.H.: A Character Study of the Prince of Wales," by Major F. E. Verney, M.C. Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd., London, 5/- From the publishers.]

The popularity of Major Verney's book when it was first published two years ago is a full and sufficient reason for the present cheaper edition, which should meet with a wide and ready acceptance. Major Verney has accomplished a supremely difficult task with tact and distinction, and one instinctively feels that his portrait of the Prince, drawn carefully and without any excess of adulation, is a true one. Of special interest is the account the author gives of the Prince's South African tour, and of the enthusiasm which everywhere greeted him throughout his itinerary. And if anyone supposes that the life of the Heir Apparent is an easy one, and his royal position a sinecure, his illusions will have been dispelled after reading this book. Major Verney relates many good stories of the Prince, while the illustrations to the book are both interesting and characteristic.

["The Tragic Empress," by Maurice Paleologue. Thornton Butterworth, Ltd., London 13/6. From Albert and Son, Ltd., Perth.]

M. Paleologue was the last French Ambassador to Russia in pre-war days. He is also a member of the French Academy, and in the present book he describes a number of intimate conversations he was privileged to hold with the late Empress Eugenie between the years 1901 and 1911. Actually, M. Paleologue's last meeting with the Empress took place in December, 1919, only seven months before her death at the great age of ninety-four. Like most people of advanced years the Empress lived a good deal in the past, and although few royal personages have had more tragic memories to look back upon, she was able to speak about old, unhappy events in that spirit of resignation and quiet acceptance which is the best gift Time has in its power to bestow. Referring on one occasion to her friendship with Queen Victoria, and the hopes that were centred on the young Prince Imperial, the Empress said: "It was our dream that he should marry Princess Beatrice. Their tastes and characters were wonderfully well matched; everything pointed to their happiness. And that dream also vanished, on June 1, 1879, under the Zulu assegais!" After reading this book one realises that to the very end Empress Eugenie retained something of her old unconquerable spirit. The English translation is by Mr. Hamish Miles.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Among the list of Exhibitors in this year's Royal Academy, one found many names of artists who have illustrated Bodley Head books. Among the seniors, notably, Sir David Young Cameron. Other names are Donald Maxwell, J. Nicholson, Miss M. Howard, E. A. Cox, Miss Violet Brunton, Mrs. Burtleigh, H. Alker, Tripp, Laura Knight, A.R.A., and Miss E. J. Rivers.

Muriel Hine is, at the moment, writing the last few chapters of her new novel, "The Ladder of Folly," at Kingsgate Castle in Kent. The opening scenes are laid in and around this place, and Miss Hine is visiting there again before passing the whole for press.

General Bruce, the well-known Himalayan traveller and explorer, has written the foreword to Major W. Brook Northey's and Captain C. J. Morris's book on the Gurkhas, has just left England to spend a month in Switzerland. Both he and Captain Morris were in the Mount Everest expedition of 1922.

During the recent enquiry by the Special Committee into Police Methods, one of the Committee read out to Sir Archibald Bodkin an extract from "Sir Richard Muller," by E. T. Falkland, in which Muller's opinion of statements made by Frippnera is expressed.

THE NEW SCIENCE REMEDY
THERAPION NO. 1
THERAPION NO. 2
THERAPION NO. 3

Playgoers, who have already had an opportunity of seeing Ben Travers' new play, "Plunder," which is a worthy successor at the Alwyck Theatre to a "Cuckoo in the Nest," "Rookery Nook" and "Thark," may like to hear that Mr. Travers is at present engaged in writing "Plunder" as a book; after which he hopes to follow it up with "Thark." The big scene in the play, one of the most amusing scenes on a London stage to-day, is the interrogation of Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn by a Chief Inspector at Scotland Yard. Inspector Wensley, the police officer who had charge of the Gutteridge case, and who has seen the play, said that it was the only true to life representation of Scotland Yard methods that he had even seen on the stage.

Among the books now in preparation, is a new historical memoir by Marjorie Bowen dealing with "The Early Life (1650-1673) of William III of England and Orange-Nassau." The story of these critical and eventful years in William's life, which has not been related in English with such detail before, concludes with the fall of Bonn.

The author of "The Professional Guest," William Garrett, was called to the Scottish Bar, and practises as an Advocate, following the example of Robert Louis Stevenson. He lives in Edinburgh a few doors from the house in which R. L. S. lived, has published several novels, and lectures on International Law in Edinburgh University. He has also written a story for children, "The Grand Buffalo," on the lines of "Alice in Wonderland." This was recently broadcast to the Children's Hour by the B.B.C. A 3-act play, "The Professional Guest," based on his novel, was recently produced successfully by the Edinburgh Repertory Company, and there is some prospect of its production on the regular stage in London or elsewhere before the end of this year.—U.

Nursing Mothers.

Women nursing babies should carefully watch their own health and daily regularly, for failure to do this lets loose poisons into the blood which rob the baby's food of purity and strength. The most efficient laxative for the nursing mother's use is Pinkettes, which act as gently as nature and neither gripe nor purge. Pinkettes dispel sick headaches, biliousness, flatulence, keep the skin clear and the breath sweet. Of chemists, or post free, 60 cents this vital, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

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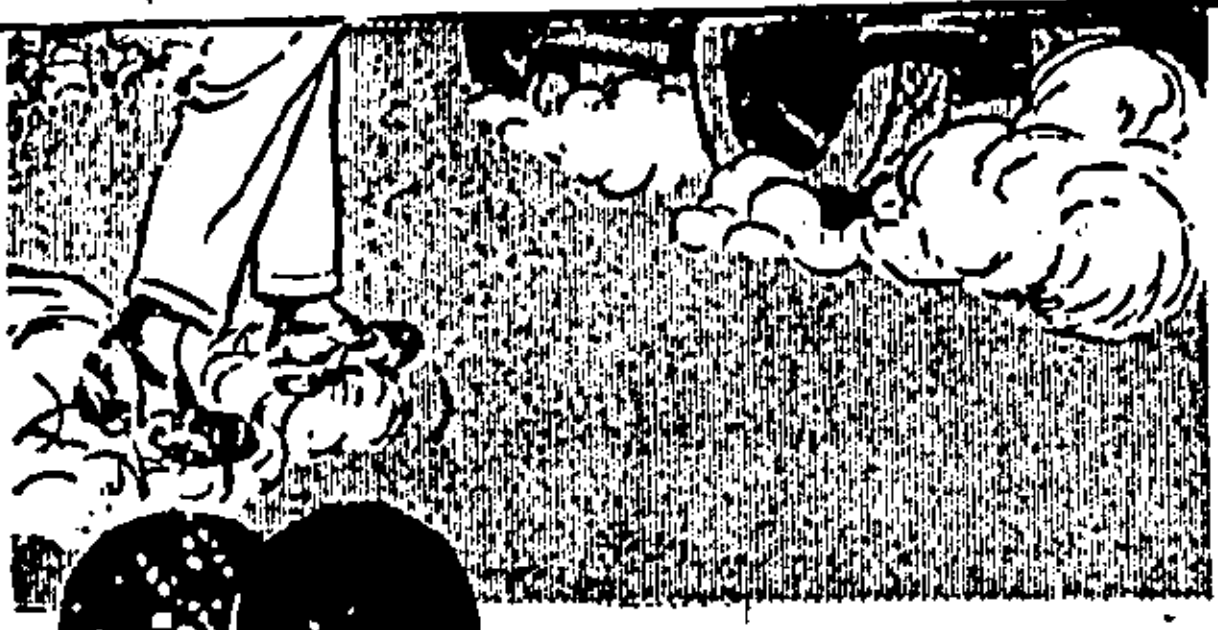
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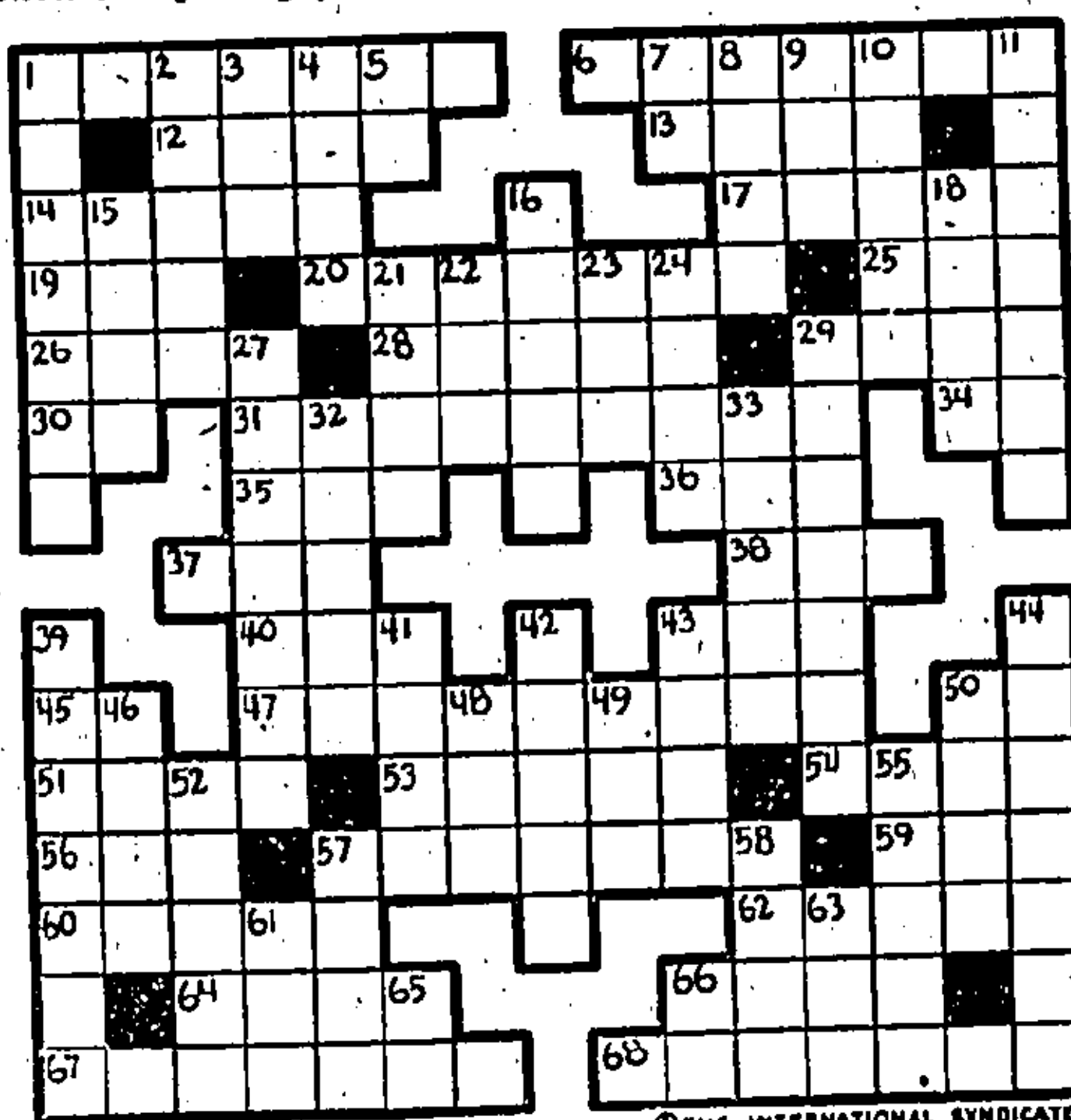
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A famous French prize
- 6-A patron (It.)
- 12-A river of Italy
- 13-A Scandinavian navigator
- 14-Scotland
- 17-Germany's first president
- 19-To strive for superiority
- 20-A city in Michigan
- 25-To make public
- 26-A seaport in Syria
- 28-Parting to a base
- 29-One time
- 30-Of (French)
- 31-Vicious
- 34-Personal pronoun
- 35-It is (contracted)
- 36-Worn garment
- 37-Merit
- 38-A marsh
- 40-Corroded
- 43-By way of
- 45-Profess to be "ad"
- 47-An anchorage off
- 49-Averse
- 50-Avenue (abbr.)
- 51-A brilliant scarlet parrot

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 55-A silk fabric
- 56-The principal garment of Hindu women
- 58-A female deer
- 59-Portage
- 60-A support
- 61-A marine mammal
- 62-The soul (Sara.)
- 64-Learning
- 65-A Hawaiian Island
- 67-A book of the Bible
- 68-An ex-president of Mexico

VERTICAL

- 1-Arrogant defiance
- 2-A sword
- 3-Profess
- 4-Tavern
- 5-Behold
- 7-Of age (Latin-abbr.)
- 8-Hauled
- 9-A bone of the body
- 10-Sex
- 11-Certain courses at dinner
- 15-Aphids
- 16-Circular flat plates
- 18-Wealthy
- 21-Down with (Fr.)
- 22-A fish

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 23-Nothing
- 24-Sour
- 27-Wide lower part of a tidal river
- 29-Anything constructed of eight parts
- 32-A pied horse
- 33-A region of Africa
- 38-Prime minister of Great Britain
- 41-To relieve
- 42-Moving
- 43-An outlet
- 44-A city of S. E. France
- 46-Interjection
- 48-To die (Angling)
- 49-Twitching of nerves
- 50-Open space
- 52-A kingdom
- 53-A precious wood mentioned in Bible
- 57-Old spelling of "dear"
- 58-A river of Germany
- 61-A stroke in tennis
- 63-Article
- 65-Comparative ending
- 66-A river of Siberia

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Straits		Namsang
Straits		SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.
Japan		Hakusan Maru
Manila		Shinyo Maru
Shanghai		President Madison
Japan		TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		Sarpedon
Japan and Shanghai		Kaga Maru
		THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
		Empress of Russia
		FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.
		Suwa Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
Sandakan		Proetus 2.30 p.m.
Manila		President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Saigon		Clara Jebson 5 p.m.
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		SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Chinkiang 8.30 a.m.
Straits		Venezia 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Khiva 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Manila		Belgenland 9 a.m.
		MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
Bangkok via Swatow		Kaying 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Hakusan Maru 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong		Campinas 10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 11th Mar. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.		President Madison
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		TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
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London, Yesterday.
Business circles were very interested in a little ceremony in the City to-day on the occasion of the signing of an agreement between the Instone Co. and Imperial Airways, Ltd. for the charter of an air freight-liner to convey television apparatus to Berlin.
The agreement consists of 16 carefully drafted clauses, forming the basis of similar agreements in the future, thereby introducing to the air transport world the same principles as in the shipping industry as regards chartering, and facilitates the employment of aircraft for business purposes.—Reuter.

TIMBER STRIKERS

LOSING ENTHUSIASM IN AUSTRALIA

A 48 HOURS' WEEK AWARD

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The timber strikers are losing enthusiasm. They are dissatisfied with the smallness of strike pay. An early collapse is likely.

Adelaide, Yesterday.
The Disputes Committee is recommending the timber strikers to resume work under Judge Lukin's recent award in favour of a 48 hours' week.—Reuter.

COL. FITZMAURICE

RESIGNS IRISH AIR FORCE POST

London, Yesterday.
The Trans-Atlantic airman, Colonel Fitzmaurice, chief of the Irish Free State Air Force, has resigned.—Reuter.

DUTCHESS OF YORK

London, Yesterday.
A medical bulletin regarding the Duchess of York says that her Royal Highness, though convalescing quite satisfactorily from influenza, will be unable to fulfil any engagements for the next week or two.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN TO RESUME CONVERSATIONS

NAVAL ARMAMENTS

LIMITATION CONFERENCE AFTER GENERAL ELECTION

SIR ESME HOWARD'S VIEWS

Washington, Yesterday.
The British Ambassador (Sir Esme Howard) has announced that the British Government is shortly to commence conversations with the principal naval Powers with a view to further limitation of naval armaments. The British Ambassador's statement was that delay in the passage



The Rt. Hon. Sir Esme William Howard, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O.

of the Cruiser Bill retarded British efforts towards further disarmament, but now that the measure had been enacted, he held the ground to be clear for new discussions and any new discussions would certainly proceed on the assumption that the recently authorized cruisers will be built.

Sir Esme added: "It would seem there is every reason to believe that now the bill has been enacted, further efforts will be made before long to reach an agreement between the principal naval Powers of the world for limitation of naval armament."

"Might Be Postponed"
The British ambassador added that the General Election in Britain might, however, postpone any such discussion for some months.

U.S. Government's View
Sir Esme expressed the opinion that everything pointed towards

CHEFOO TROUBLE

A "DIEHARD" BEHIND THE RISING

CONSUL MEDIATOR?

Chefoo, Yesterday.
It is rumoured that Chang Tsung-chang (one of the Northern "diehards" and sometime Tupan of Shantung) is behind the movement against General Liu Chen-nien, the present holder of Chefoo and the east of Shantung.

The American Consul has offered to act as mediator between the opposing factions.
It is expected that General Liu will make a stand on a line five miles east of Chefoo, his opponents being about ten miles away.—British Naval Wireless.

Women Evacuated
Chefoo, Yesterday.
Communications between Hwang-halen and Tengchowfu have been severed, but it is reliably stated that the situation there is quiet, as the opposing sides have already passed en route to Chefoo.

Missionary women have been evacuated from Hwanghsien, the men remaining. Men and Women missionaries are still at Tengchowfu, and the United States Consul reports that they are safe.

A Japanese wireless message confirms the safety of foreigners in Hwanghsien and Tengchowfu. Both cities are quiet. General Liu Chen-nien (the defender) is still maintaining his line on Freshwater River, but is moving large quantities of ordnance to Muping.

Shih Shu-chien's forces (the rebels) are estimated to be miles west of Chefoo. Fighting has not yet been reported.—Reuter.

early resumption of negotiations and, with a far better understanding of the needs of the respective parties than at Geneva in 1927, have a very good prospect of a satisfactory conclusion.

It is learned at the State Department that Mr. F. B. Kellogg (Secretary of State) has received no intimation officially in regard to disarmament from London; also that the American Government is willing to advance the date of the 1931 conference from August to January or February if the majority of the Powers concerned desired such a change.—Reuter's American Service.

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